



UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

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POB A-O
Ventura, CA 93001*

November 25, 1980

Rev. Marge Ragona
401 West Vineyard #335
Oxnard, CA 93030

Dear Marge,

I wanted to take a minute to express my great appreciation for your participation in our district conference this last weekend. Many people have commented about the wonderful spiritual experience they had this weekend, and your call to worship and invocation Saturday morning certainly added to the total success of the weekend.

Thanks for just being you.

Love,

Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator



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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Service of Worship

Saturday Evening-May 23, 1981

Santa Ana, California

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGSPIRATION:

Ms. Annie Ray Shives

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 6:1-9

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"Jesus I Adore You" - page 14

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"There's A Church Within Us" - page 12

RESPONSIVE READING

I Corinthians 12:1-23

- LEFT SIDE: Now concerning spiritual gifts, my sisters and brothers, I do not want you to be unaware.
- RIGHT SIDE: You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led.
- LEFT SIDE: Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed" and no one can say "Jesus is God" except by the Holy Spirit.
- RIGHT SIDE: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same God.
- LEFT SIDE: And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.
- RIGHT SIDE: But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- LEFT SIDE: For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;
- RIGHT SIDE: to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit
- LEFT SIDE: and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

- RIGHT SIDE: But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as the Spirit wills.
- LEFT SIDE: For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
- RIGHT SIDE: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
- LEFT SIDE: For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any less a part of the body.
- RIGHT SIDE: And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any less a part of the body.
- LEFT SIDE: If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?
- RIGHT SIDE: But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as God has desired.
- LEFT SIDE: And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body.
- RIGHT SIDE: And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."
- LEFT SIDE: On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;
- RIGHT SIDE: and those members of the body, which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly members come to have more abundant seemliness.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE DOXOLOGY

All praise be to our heavenly God,
Who sent us a child to make us one,
Who died on a cross and rose to be
The Giver of life to set us free.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:18-19

THE MESSAGE:

Mr. John Chasteen, De Colores MCC

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION

God, we know that you have called each one of us in a variety of ways. We know that you have enabled us with unique gifts so that each has a part to fulfill in your community. We know these things, yet we often do not relate to this knowledge as responsible people. Sometimes, like Isaiah, we answer, "Here I am, God." But, more often, we make excuses; we consider our own priorities more important than yours.

God, forgive us our shortsightedness, our lack of vision, our faithlessness. Forgive us and turn our minds and our emotions away from ourselves and toward you. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Enabler. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE ABSOLUTION

Know that God who hears all honest prayers has heard us. Know that our God in grace and mercy forgives. We announce to each other now that we are forgiven, in the name of God who creates us, God who redeems us, and God who sustains us.
Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:

"O God of Mercy, God of Might" - page 7

THE BENEDICTION

LEFT SIDE: Our worship in this place is completed.

RIGHT SIDE: Let us go forth in peace.

LEFT SIDE: Our worship at this time is fulfilled.

RIGHT SIDE: Let us radiate joy.

LEFT SIDE: Our worship in our lives continues.

RIGHT SIDE: We will move on in mercy.

LEFT SIDE: Our witness to our world has just begun.

RIGHT SIDE: We will reach out with gentleness.

ALL: In the strength of God's love we will be change-agents for our world.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Service of Worship

Saturday Morning-May 23, 1981

Santa Ana, California

SINGSPIRATION, Ms. Annie Ray Shives

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: "Let's Sing and Dance" - page 4

SPECIAL MUSIC
WE Singers, MCC Pomona

OFFERING
Offertory -- WE Singers

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:
Revelation 6: 1-8
Romans 8:1-14

THE MESSAGE:
Ms. Susan Stoffer, MCC Pomona

CLOSING HYMN: "Pass It On" - page 17

THE BENEDICTION

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE

RECORD OF HOLY UNION

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

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Forasmuch as we the undersigned have
concented together in Holy Union and have wit-
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sent and have given and pledged our love each
to the other, and have declared the same by
giving and receiving rings and by joining
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our Christian beliefs, honoring, loving, and
keeping each other in sickness and in health
for as long as our love shall last.

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Metropolitan Community Church of Fresno

Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 12203
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(209) 253-1068

BUDGET

Tithe to UFMCC	10%
District Assessment	3%
Pastor's Housing Allowance	30%
Rent	\$110
Altar Supplies	\$5
Office (Phone, PO Box, postage, paper)	\$35
Pastor's Travel	\$25
Miscellaneous	\$5
Building Fund	5%
Hymnals	3%
Emergency Relief Fund (at Pastor's discretion)	1%

Allocation: 52% plus \$180 per month
Requires a monthly income of \$375.

This budget was adopted by the Board of Directors, meeting on September 14. It shall be implemented until the end of the calendar year and be reviewed at the December meeting of the board.

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QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group Fresno Study Group Quarter covered July - Sept. 1980
(Due the 15th of the next month)

Record of attendance and offerings:

DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
Month #1 <u>7-6-80</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>100.16</u>
<u>7-13-80</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>56.20</u>
<u>7-20-80</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>104.53</u>
<u>7-27-80</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>75.01</u>
Month #2 <u>8-3-80</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>76.95</u>
<u>8-10-80</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>136.87</u>
<u>8-17-80</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23.90</u>
<u>8-24-80</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>41.85</u>
<u>8-31-80</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>95.43</u>
Month #3 <u>9-7-80</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>72.81</u> →
<u>9-14-80</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>104.81</u> →
<u>9-21-80</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>16.00</u> →
<u>9-28-80</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>216.45</u> →

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	<u>36.52</u>	<u>37.50</u>	<u>41.01</u>
District tithes	<u>10.96</u>	<u>11.26</u>	<u>12.08</u>
WC or IP salary	<u>105.19</u>	<u>112.50</u>	<u>123.03</u>
Rent	<u>110.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>
Phone	<u>23.11</u>	<u>Rebate</u> <u>0</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Office	<u>40.81</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3.02</u>
Other (explain)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35.00</u> Pastor - District Retreat 20.01 Building Fund.

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October 22, 1980

Dear Friends & Cohorts,

Well, Uncle Sam is causing us troubles again. As of yet, I have not received the application flyers for district conference from Oasis MCC in Tempe, AZ. Since today is the day that I can print the newsletter here in the office, I am putting into letter form the preliminary information I have as to the events and costs of District Conference next month.

We will be meeting in the Los Olivos Hotel in Phoenix, AZ from Friday, November 21-23. The hotel is located at 202 East McDowell in Phoenix. If you need transportation from a depot, please let the church know with your reservation. The special rates we have been given for the conference are

Single occupancy: \$23.00 per night

Double occupancy: \$13.00 per night per person

Triple occupancy: \$9.67 per night per person

Quad: \$8.00 per night per person

Notify the Oasis MCC of your intentions with full payment in advance for the time you will be there, and the roommates you expect to share with by November 10. Their address is

Oasis MCC
POB 10272
Phoenix, AZ 85064
602-279-5878
Rev. Kay Palin

The rates will be in effect from November 20-24 for those of you who may want to arrive early or stay later.

Board of Home Missions will be meeting at the hotel on Friday, November 21 at 1:00 PM.

Registration for the conference will be Friday evening through Saturday morning.

Saturday, 9:00 AM Worship service, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson preaching.

Saturday, 7:00 PM Worship service, Rev. Elder Troy Perry preaching.

Sunday, 10:00 AM Worship service, Innovative type service, lay involvement.

Sunday, 6:00 PM Worship service, Rev. Louis deSpain preaching.

Workshops included during the weekend will be

STI: Operation Resurrection

Faith Fellowship & order

District Choir

Lay Concerns

Innovative Ministries

Spiritual Renewal

Theater in the Church

Guest speaker: Dr. Brown or Dr. Rader of Arizona State University, Department of Religious Studies
Christians and Politics

The business meeting will be Saturday afternoon from 1:30-5:30 PM. On the agenda will be the election of a representative for our district to the Faith, Fellowship, & Order Commission, Discussion of the enclosed report from the Government, Structures, and Systems Committee, Reports from district committees and officers, budget for next year, dividing the district (see enclosed proposal), and the need for a full time district coordinator.

Please direct your questions and reservations to Oasis MCC. The theme of this conference is Faith Fellowship & Order.

This will be my last week in the office until November 17. I will be on vacation and taking the trip to the Holy Land.

Our Board of Home Missions has voted to accept under watch care the new group which is meeting in alternate weeks in Farmington, NM and Durango, CO. The Board of Elders will be making a decision soon as to the district lines, and in which district they will officially fall. Their contact person is Gene Dudgeon

2806 Princeton Avenue
Farmington, NM 87401

West Bay MCC announces the addition of an associate pastor, Rev. Sylvia Pennington who is coordinating a parish outreach in the South Bay area.

The parish house is located at 13227 Cordary
Hawthorne, CA 90250
213-970-1326

Truth Chapel MCC has a new address:

349 West 35
South Tucson, AZ 85714

They are sharing the facilities with Santa Cruz MCC of the Hispanic Americas District. Truth Chapel Services are Sunday at 10:45 AM and Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Santa Cruz services are Sunday at 2:30 PM.

MCC of the San Gabriel Valley also has a new address:

14128 Fairgrove
Valinda, CA

However, their mailing address still remains the same.

New Covenant MCC has changed the time of their meeting to 9:00 AM on Sundays.

Rev. Flo Fleischman has resigned as pastor of MCC-Oceanside as of November 23, and they have elected Gordon Fisher as their worship coordinator.

Rev. Paul Breton has resigned as pastor of Trinity MCC in San Bernardino as of November 30, and will be succeeded by a dual worship coordinator: Exhorter Marianne McPherson and Martin Flores.

Important dates for November:

- 10: Rev. Lucia Chappelle's birthday
- 12: Rev. Richard Mickley's birthday
- 14: Rev. Virgil Hendershot's birthday
- 15: All Saints MCC's second anniversary
- 16: Rev. Willie Smith's birthday

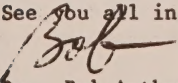
Ministers' reports for 7-9/80 not in yet:

Rev. John Barbone
Rev. Paul Breton
Rev. Jane Carl
Rev. Lucia Chappelle
Rev. Walt Collins
Rev. Randy Cypherd
Rev. Bonnie Daniel
Rev. David Farrell
Rev. Buff Fisher
Rev. Flo Fleischman
Rev. Ron Gee
Rev. Debbie Gendron
Rev. David Gillentine
Rev. Jean Hart
Rev. Jeri Harvey
Rev. Virgil Hendershot
Rev. Gary Lewis
Rev. Lou Loynes
Rev. Richard Mickley
Rev. Kay Palin
Rev. Fred Pattison
Rev. Troy Perry
Rev. Marge Ragona
Rev. Tere Roderick
Rev. Willie Smith
Rev. Paul VanHecke
Rev. Larry Gauer

Mission and Study Group Reports to the Board of Home Missions for 7-9/80 not in yet:

Albuquerque MCC
Bakersfield MCC
MCC of the Desert
New Covenant MCC
San Luis Obispo MCC
Truth Chapel MCC
Ventura MCC
All Saints MCC
MCC of the San Gabriel Valley
De Colores MCC
Las Vegas MCC

See you all in Phoenix,


Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
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SANTA BARBARA



Rev. Roger E. Webb, Minister

September 22, 1980

TO THE DISTRICT

Dear Colleagues in Christ,

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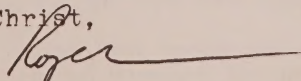
1. allow groups with common cultural and geographical concerns to bind together.
2. save financial and other resources through reduced distances.
3. a renewal for each area arising from a fresh beginning.
4. increased fellowship and care through reduced numbers of church bodies.

NOTES:

- A. Missions now have a vote thus the first and second districts can form a Board of Home Missions for each district.
- B. The Board of Elders have ultimate authority to structure districts. We can however, petition to be re-structured.

Any input you may have would be appreciated by October 15th. Please direct all responses to Rev. Arthur as he can more effectively answer any questions you may have.

In Christ,


Rev. Roger E. Webb

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QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group New Covenant MCE

Quarter covered April, May, June
(Due the 15th of the next month)

Record of attendance and offerings:

DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
Month #1 <u>4-6-80</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>\$175.64</u>
<u>4-13-80</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>78.30</u>
<u>4-20-80</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>53.82</u>
<u>4-27-80</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>105.82</u>
Month #2 <u>5-4-80</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>\$1,385.82</u>
<u>5-11-80</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>129.82</u>
<u>5-18-80</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>70.72</u>
<u>5-25-80</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>94.00</u>
Month #3 <u>6-1-80</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>\$89.55</u>
<u>6-8-80</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>156.82</u>
<u>6-15-80</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>71.07</u>
<u>6-22-80</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>90.22</u>
<u>6-29-80</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>93.88</u>

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	<u>\$41.36</u>	<u>\$168.00</u>	<u>\$50.16</u>
District tithes	<u>12.41</u>	<u>50.40</u>	<u>15.05</u>
WC or IP salary	<u>392.00</u>	<u>702.31</u>	<u>344.77</u>
Rent	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
Phone	<u>19.91</u>	<u>27.08</u>	<u>30.97</u>
Office	<u>59.80</u>	<u>22.48</u>	
Other (explain)	<u>58.99</u>	<u>58.99</u>	<u>58.99</u> <u>Pastor's Insurance</u>

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QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group MCC SANTA BARBARA

Quarter covered July-September 1980
(Due the 15th of the next month)

Record of attendance and offerings:

DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
Month #1 <u>7/6</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>245</u>
<u>7/13</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>297</u>
<u>7/20</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>209</u>
<u>7/27</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>252</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Month #2 <u>8/3</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>314</u>
** Rev. <u>8/10</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>268</u>
Pennington's <u>8/17</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>250</u>
settling <u>8/24</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>218</u>
aside service <u>8/31</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>368</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Month #3 <u>9/7</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>263</u>
<u>9/14</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>242</u>
<u>9/21</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>219</u>
<u>9/28</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>469</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	<u>100</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>119</u>
District tithes	<u>30</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>36</u>
WC or IP salary	<u>492</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>492</u>
Rent	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Phone	<u>90</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>64</u>
Office	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Other (explain)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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We will be applying for chartered church status at Nov. conference.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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Sunday Evening--May 24, 1981

Santa Ana, California

SINGSPIRATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN:

"Our God Is Like An Eagle" - Page 19

SHARING TIME

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Exodus 20:16

Galations 4:16

Matthew 5: 21-26

THE MESSAGE:

Dr. Richard Follett, MCC in the Valley

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN:

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" - Page 2

BENEDICTION



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August 20, 1980

Dear Friends & Cohorts,

Well, here we are almost through the month of August already, and much is happening around the district. The Cuban Relief Fund is going well. We have to date placed about 1500 refugees, and need more sponsors to handle the expected 3000 or more left to sponsor.

I was in Albuquerque this last weekend celebrating with them the dedication of their new building. We met with eight people in Farmington, NM who also wanted to explore the possibility of establishing a study group there. Since the Mid-Central District is working with a new group in Durango, CO which is just an hour away, the decision for the time was to coordinate the meetings with Durango on alternate weeks with the assistance of the Albuquerque congregation. When the time comes that they wish to be a group of their own, we may be having another study group in the South West District. I was also privileged to perform a holy union for Rev. deSpain and his spouse, Ken Newman.

Stan Roberts was unable to accept the call to the pulpit of All Saints MCC, so we have appointed Rev. Peter Riley as the interim pastor of that group for a period of six months, to be reevaluated at that time to determine whether he and they wish to continue that relationship.

Truth Chapel MCC in Tucson, AZ has also elected unanimously Rev. Randall Hill from Sarasota, FL as their interim pastor, and I have confirmed that appointment.

Long Beach MCC assures me that this coming week you will all be receiving the information about the district retreat at Griffiths Park next month.

The mailing address for our feasibility study in San Diego is
MCC by the Sea
POB 1388
San Diego, CA 92112

Maury Johnston has found it necessary to resign his post as district chair of the Faith, Fellowship, and Order. If any of you have recommendations for filling that vacancy, please let me know right away, so that the work of that commission can continue.

This weekend, San Diego is having their annual ox-roast in celebration of their anniversary. I expect to be there for the weekend, and they would love to see any of you who can be there to celebrate with them.

Important dates for September:

- 10: Rev. Buff Fisher's birthday
- 12: Casa de Cristo MCC's 10th anniversary
- 14: Rev. Fred Pattison's birthday
- 14: Rev. Kris Dodds' birthday
- 23: Rev. John Barbone's birthday
- 29: Rev. Bonnie Daniel's birthday

I look forward to seeing many of you at the district retreat next month.

God bless you all.

Love,

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3. a renewal for each area arising from a fresh beginning.
4. increased fellowship and care through reduced numbers of church bodies.

NOTES:

- A. Missions now have a vote thus the first and second districts can form a Board of Home Missions for each district.
- B. The Board of Elders have ultimate authority to structure districts. We can however, petition to be re-structured.

Any input you may have would be appreciated by October 15th. Please direct all responses to Rev. Arthur as he can more effectively answer any questions you may have.

In Christ,

Rev. Roger E. Webb

Important dates for November:

- 10: Rev. Lucia Chappelle's birthday
- 12: Rev. Richard Mickley's birthday
- 14: Rev. Virgil Hendershot's birthday
- 15: All Saints MCC's second anniversary
- 16: Rev. Willie Smith's birthday

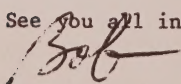
Ministers' reports for 7-9/80 not in yet:

Rev. John Barbone
Rev. Paul Breton
Rev. Jane Carl
Rev. Lucia Chappelle
Rev. Walt Collins
Rev. Randy Cypherd
Rev. Bonnie Daniel
Rev. David Farrell
Rev. Buff Fisher
Rev. Flo Fleischman
Rev. Ron Gee
Rev. Debbie Gendron
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Rev. Jean Hart
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Rev. Kay Palin
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Rev. Troy Perry
Rev. Marge Ragona
Rev. Tere Roderick
Rev. Willie Smith
Rev. Paul VanHecke
Rev. Larry Gauer

Mission and Study Group Reports to the Board of Home Missions for 7-9/80 not in yet:

Albuquerque MCC
Bakersfield MCC
MCC of the Desert
New Covenant MCC
San Luis Obispo MCC
Truth Chapel MCC
Ventura MCC
All Saints MCC
MCC of the San Gabriel Valley
De Colores MCC
Las Vegas MCC

See you all in Phoenix,


Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator

Innovative Ministries

Spiritual Renewal

Theater in the Church

Guest speaker: Dr. Brown or Dr. Rader of Arizona State University, Department of Religious Studies
Christians and Politics

The business meeting will be Saturday afternoon from 1:30-5:30 PM. On the agenda will be the election of a representative for our district to the Faith, Fellowship, & Order Commission, Discussion of the enclosed report from the Government, Structures, and Systems Committee, Reports from district committees and officers, budget for next year, dividing the district (see enclosed proposal), and the need for a full time district coordinator.

Please direct your questions and reservations to Oasis MCC. The theme of this conference is Faith Fellowship & Order.

This will be my last week in the office until November 17. I will be on vacation and taking the trip to the Holy Land.

Our Board of Home Missions has voted to accept under watch care the new group which is meeting in alternate weeks in Farmington, NM and Durango, CO. The Board of Elders will be making a decision soon as to the district lines, and in which district they will officially fall. Their contact person is Gene Dudgeon

2806 Princeton Avenue
Farmington, NM 87401

West Bay MCC announces the addition of an associate pastor, Rev. Sylvia Pennington who is coordinating a parish outreach in the South Bay area. The parish house is located at 13227 Cordary

Hawthorne, CA 90250
213-970-1326

Truth Chapel MCC has a new address:

349 West 35

South Tucson, AZ 85714

They are sharing the facilities with Santa Cruz MCC of the Hispanic Americas District. Truth Chapel Services are Sunday at 10:45 AM and Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Santa Cruz services are Sunday at 2:30 PM.

MCC of the San Gabriel Valley also has a new address:

14128 Fairgrove

Valinda, CA

However, their mailing address still remains the same.

New Covenant MCC has changed the time of their meeting to 9:00 AM on Sundays.

Rev. Flo Fleischman has resigned as pastor of MCC-Oceanside as of November 23, and they have elected Gordon Fisher as their worship coordinator.

Rev. Paul Breton has resigned as pastor of Trinity MCC in San Bernardino as of November 30, and will be succeeded by a dual worship coordinator: Exhorter Marianne McPherson and Martin Flores.



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The Rev. Bob Arthur
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
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Lois Luchug
POB A-O
Ventura, CA 93001

October 22, 1980

Dear Friends & Cohorts,

Well, Uncle Sam is causing us troubles again. As of yet, I have not received the application flyers for district conference from Oasis MCC in Tempe, AZ. Since today is the day that I can print the newsletter here in the office, I am putting into letter form the preliminary information I have as to the events and costs of District Conference next month.

We will be meeting in the Los Olivos Hotel in Phoenix, AZ from Friday, November 21-23. The hotel is located at 202 East McDowell in Phoenix. If you need transportation from a depot, please let the church know with your reservation. The special rates we have been given for the conference are

Single occupancy: \$23.00 per night
Double occupancy: \$13.00 per night per person
Triple occupancy: \$9.67 per night per person
Quad: \$8.00 per night per person

Notify the Oasis MCC of your intentions with full payment in advance for the time you will be there, and the roommates you expect to share with by November 10. Their address is

Oasis MCC
POB 10272
Phoenix, AZ 85064
602-279-5878
Rev. Kay Palin

The rates will be in effect from November 20-24 for those of you who may want to arrive early or stay later.

Board of Home Missions will be meeting at the hotel on Friday, November 21 at 1:00 PM.

Registration for the conference will be Friday evening through Saturday morning.

Saturday, 9:00 AM Worship service, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson preaching.
Saturday, 7:00 PM Worship service, Rev. Elder Troy Perry preaching.
Sunday, 10:00 AM Worship service, Innovative type service, lay involvement.
Sunday, 6:00 PM Worship service, Rev. Louis deSpain preaching.

Workshops included during the weekend will be
STI: Operation Resurrection
Faith Fellowship & order
District Choir
Lay Concerns

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE

RECORD OF HOLY UNION

NAME _____

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE VALLEY

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Reverend Randall L. Cypher, Pastor

October 24, 1980

Rev. Bob Arthur
Southwest District Coordinator, UFMCC
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
Los Angeles, Ca. 90029

re: Dividing the Southwest District

Dear Bob,

- 1) I find it curious that the proposed Central California "district" should include a congregation (De Colores) which is located within the county and city of Los Angeles. That particular congregation has members who reside in North Hollywood and Los Angeles. My own congregation has members who live in Canoga Park, West Valley and even Simi Valley:

Isn't it rather absurd that neighbors might belong to two districts?

- 2) "Hidden agendas" will not be handled if we divide rather than learn to work with each other. The need we have is to learn the gift of dialogue and the capacity to celebrate and affirm our diversity.

Historically, one of the greatest conflicts has pitted Southern California churches against one another: the Mother Church versus her LA children, to be exact. This breach has been essentially healed through co-operation and shared fellowship, not by dividing away.

- 3) I am concerned that a district might be seen in this proposal as a sort of Savior: give us our own district and everything will be wonderful! Feelings of isolation could be met through regional fellowship, worship, and workshops as well as through the creation of new districts -- two of which would be financially destitute for a reasonably long period of time.
- 4) At a time when we are funding a half-time District Coordinator and exploring full-time funding, it seems unwise to contemplate dividing our limited financial resources into three parts.
- 5) Our Fellowship is grounded to a significant degree on local autonomy. I fear that excessive districting could lead us to an episcopal form of government which would violate our essentially congregational structure.
- 6) There is definately a need to re-structure our district. This



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Suggestion:

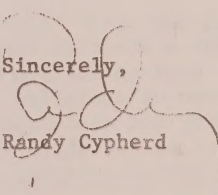
- A. Retain one District with one District Coordinator.
- B. Allow each regional area to elect an Assistant District Coordinator to facilitate regional fellowship, worship and workshops.
- C. Hold one district-wide meeting per year; augment with one or more regional gatherings.

This approach could enable a broader financial base, enabling the District to move toward a full-time DC and better coordinate overall growth while at the same time meet the very real needs of the out-lying congregations.

A. I have not been comfortable with appointed Assistant DC's for some time. I think there is a need to elect assistants. Allowing each region to elect their own representative would seem optimum and in keeping with our essentially congregational form of church government.

B. If this interim step worked, a formal division into separate entities might just prove itself both needed and beneficial at some point in the future.

Sincerely,


Randy Cypherd

cc: Roger Webb





Metropolitan Community Church of Fresno

Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 12203
Fresno, California 93776
(209) 255-1068

28, October 80

Dear Bob,

Thank you for the wonderful time which all of us in Fresno had at the retreat. It was an experience that we all shall not soon forget.

After learning about the consideration of re-dividing the district, I felt a need to write you. If the desert churches feel a need to have their own district, then I am all in favor of them having it. We do not feel the same need. We want a district with a chartered church in it. Having the central and costal missions and study groups in one district would be disastrous. I am sure that you realize this. Perhaps our needs would be met if we were put into the district which includes the northern portion of the state. Fresno is closer to San Francisco than to Los Angeles.

Fresno has gone back to the regular service time of 5:00 pm Sunday. We are forming a choir and getting serious about moving into our own building; we opened a building fund account. One of our members will be putting on a presentation about his recent trip to the Galapagos Islands as our next fund raiser. The first Sunday in November is David's 1st anniversary and we are planning a surprise party for him.

Thank for considering my requests and concerns. I will be expecting more news on this issue soon.

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT BUDGET 1980/81

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INCOME:

Tithes	9000	2929	12000
Other	<u>2000</u>	<u>1085</u>	<u>3000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11000	4015	15000

EXPENSES:

Travel	2700	1609	4300
Telephone	1000	(353)	750
Prison	800	(37)	800
Salary	4200	0	4800
Supplies	200	210	500
Postage	300	168	500
Bookkeeper	480	0	600
Secretary	200	0	300
Gov't Struct.	300	(25)	300
Samaritan	400	0	400
New Works	<u>420</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>1750</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	11009		15000



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phoenix, az. 85064

S/W DISTRICT CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 21, 22, and 23, 1980

" IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU... IN FAITH, FELLOWSHIP
AND ORDER. (based on John 16:13)

Oasis MCC welcomes you to the Nov. S/W District Conference. The Los Olivos Hotel has been chosen for this conference because of its central location in downtown Phoenix. It is close to the airport, bus terminals and the gay community organizations and bars. The hotel has free parking, a large lounge with the capacity of 200 people, a coffee shop, a dining room, heated pool and pool-side window bar service.

Although there is a 4 hour business meeting on Daturday, we encourage you to take the opportunity this weekend to join in worship and fellowship with sisters and brothers from other MCC's in this district. Maps are enclosed in this packet for your convenience should you wish to visit local points of interest and/or local bars. ** NOTE: The bars close at 1 am. Some of the local points of interest are:

- 1) Phoenix Art Museum 1625 N. Central Ave. (next to the hotel). Fri. & Sat. 10am-5pm. Sun. 1-5pm The French Masters will be exhibited this weekend. Adults: \$1.50, Senior Citizens: \$1.00, Students and Children: \$.50 The International Cowboy Art Show will also be held at the museum --Free Admission
- 2) The Heard Museum 22 E. Monte Vista Rd. (within walking distance) Southwest American Indian Arts Exhibit. Fri. & Sat. 10am- 5pm Sun. 1-5pm. Adults: \$1.50, Senior Citizens: \$1.00, Students with I.D. and children: \$.50
- 3) Arizona Historical Society Museum 1242 N. Central Ave. 10am.-4pm Fri. & Sat. Free Admission includes a touch museum for children of all ages.
- 4) Arizona Mineral Museum Mineral Building-- Az. State Fairgrounds McDowell Rd. & 19th Ave. Fri. 8am- 5pm, Sat. & Sun. 1-5pm Free Admission
- 5) Desert Botanical Gardens-- Papago Park-- McDowell Rd. East of 48th St. 1201 N. Galvin Parkway. Adults: \$1.50, Children (ages 5-12) \$.50 Daily 9am to sundown.
- 6) Phoenix Zoo--Papago Park-- 5810 Van Buren Daily 9am-5pm. Adults: \$2.50, Children: (4-14) with an adult: \$1.00, Two mile trainride (guided tour) \$.75



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- 7) Wax Museum 5555 E. Van Buren--- Old West, Presidents, Stars, Royalty, Religion, Horrors, Future & Fantasyland. Daily 9:30- 9pm. Adults: \$4.50, Children 12 and under: \$1.75
- 8) Pueblo Grande Museum & Indian Ruins (200 BC- 1400AD)
4619 E. Washington Fri. 9am-4:45pm, Sun. 1-4pm
Free Admission
- 9) South Mountain Park-- Lookout Point
View the lights of the valley at night. 25¢ per car.
Open until 12:30 am. Go South on Central Ave.

For more information see pamphlets in the hotel lobby. We will have a hospitality room, ask at the hotel desk for the room #.

The Sunday evening worship service will be held at Danforth Chapel, A.S.U. Campus, Tempe. (see map in the packet) All other activities will be held at the hotel. Thank you for your patience and help during the confusion concerning the registration for this conference.

The emphasis of this conference is Faith, Fellowship and Order. We encourage you to attend a workshop on Sat. morning, the business meeting or workshop on Sat. afternoon. and the informal discussion groups on Sunday afternoon. We need to hear from you!!! The Sunday 9am worship service will be a special lay involvement service that you won't want to miss!

There has been confusion and this is the major business conference of the year, however, we can still share with one another, care for one another, learn from one another and grow together.....if we but trust in God to guide us.

*** Remember Californians, you will gain an hour going home. ***

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday Evening, Nov. 23, 1980

Tempe, Arizona

Singspiration

Opening Hymn: "Just A Closer Walk"

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Celebration:
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

A Time of Sharing and Prayer

The Scripture Lesson

The Sermon

Hymn of Adoration:
"Jesus, Jesus"

Prayer of Dismissal

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1980

CASH BALANCE 2232.30

		79/80 ACTUAL	BUDGETED
INCOME:			
Tithes	1044.47	11929.22	9000
Other		<u>3085.75</u>	<u>2000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	1044.47	15014.97	11000

EXPENSES			
Travel	544.17	4309.46	2700
Telephone	22.99	647.11	1000
Prison	222.50	762.80	800
Salary	700.00	4550.00	4200
Office		241.90	
Buddhkeeper	40.00	475.00	480
Secretary		200.00	200
Supplies		409.78	200
Postage	27.46	468.00	300
Conference		200.00	
Gifts and Grants			
Gov't Structure		274.68	300
Samaritan		400.00	400
Social Action		163.00	
New Works		<u>380.38</u>	<u>420</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	1557.12	13482.11	11000

(512.65)

As Ind in Tithes:

Albuquerque ~~August~~ - September

Fresno ~~August~~ - September

~~San Francisco~~ ~~September~~

Oceanside September

San Bernardino September

Las Vegas September



UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
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District Coordinator

District Treasurer

*The Rev. Bob Arthur
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*Lois Luneburg
POB A-O
Ventura, CA 93001*

November 19, 1980

DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE 11/80

This certainly has been a hectic year for the district, and for myself personally. As most of you know, I was appointed director of the Cuban Relief Fund for the Fellowship in June, and most of my time since that time has been spent with that program. Until that appointment, I was fairly faithful in my own goal of talking with each minister in the district at least once a month. However, since that time, I have not been in touch with each minister every month, but have tried to stay on top of the events of the district. I have also been successful in putting out a monthly district newsletter, and completing a district visit to every group in the district at least once this year. Listed below are the dates of my visits to the various groups:

Albuquerque MCC: 11/2-5; 8/15-19
All Saints MCC: 1/13; 4/20; 7/27; 8/3
Bakersfield MCC: 4/10-11
Casa de Cristo MCC: 3/20-24; 10/4-6
Christ Chapel MCC: 2/8-10; 8/13
De Colores MCC: 12/16; 3/16
Fresno MCC: 5/29-6/1
Las Vegas MCC: 5/23-26
Long Beach MCC: 11/15; 4/13; 6/4; 9/7
Los Angeles MCC: My home church
MCC by the Sea: 6/9; 10/19
MCC in the Valley: 11/30-12/2; 7/31; 9/7
MCC of the Desert: 12/24; 2/22-25; 5/16-18
MCC of the Pomona Valley: 4/25-27
MCC of the San Gabriel Valley: 3/2; 8/3
New Covenant MCC: 1/20; 10/12
Oasis MCC: 2/2-4
Oceanside MCC: 4/6; 7/21
San Diego MCC: 5/11-12; 8/22-24; 9/22-23; 10/2-3; 10/13
San Luis Obispo MCC: 6/28-30
Santa Barbara MCC: 7/12-13
Trinity MCC: 12/9; 9/29
Truth Chapel MCC: 3/29-30; 9/26-28
Ventura MCC: 3/30; 10/12
West Bay MCC: 12/30; 2/16-17

At this writing, every church body in the district has a licensed or ordained minister as (interim) pastor or worship coordinator. However, Rev. Flo Fleischman has tendered her resignation from Oceanside MCC as of 11/23/80; and Rev. Paul Breton has tendered his resignation from Trinity MCC as of 11/30/80.

This has been a year of evaluation for many groups, and as a result, All Saints MCC has turned in their charter to become a mission, and Trinity MCC has done the same. Oceanside MCC is turning their charter back in as of 12/1/80. This I view as a healthy measure to ensure proper functioning within the district, and allowing for additional help from the Board of Home Missions.

We have also seen the addition of three study groups: MCC of the San Gabriel Valley; De Colores MCC; and MCC-Las Vegas. We currently have another three groups beginning in the district: MCC of the Four Corners; MCC by the Sea; and the parish outreach of West Bay MCC called Beach Cities MCC.

New pastors this year include:

Rev. Peter Riley: All Saints MCC
Rev. Bonnie Daniel: Bakersfield MCC
Rev. Jean Hart: De Colores MCC
Rev. David Gillentine: Fresno MCC
Rev. Ron Gee: Las Vegas MCC
Rev. Dusty Pruitt: Long Beach MCC
Rev. Howard Williams: MCC by the Sea
Rev. Virgil Hendershot: MCC of the San Gabriel Valley
Rev. Gary Lewis: New Covenant MCC
Rev. Flo Fleischman: Oceanside MCC
Rev. Randy Hill: Truth Chapel MCC
Rev. Marge Ragona: Ventura MCC

In addition, we welcomed to the district this year:

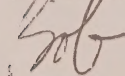
Rev. George Covington
Rev. Larry Gauer
Rev. Lynn Guerra (newly licensed)
Rev. Sylvia Pennington (newly licensed)

We had a successful spring retreat hosted by Long Beach MCC in Griffith's Park, Los Angeles in September.

We have formed a worship committee comprised of Rev. Pepper Shields and Betty Brolsma; a songbook committee headed by Rev. Jean Hart (which developed a great district songbook); and a new district music coordinator: Annie Ray Shives.

Now that the Cuban Relief Fund is completed (or nearly so), I will be having more time to devote once again to the district and its expansion and development this year. I want to thank you all for working with me through this very heavy time of responsibility with the Cuban project, and for making the district what I consider to be the greatest district in the Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator

AGENDA

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 11/80

Secretary's report

District Coordinator's report

Treasurer's report

Lay Concern's/Government, Structures, Systems report
(Vote on international proposal)

Nominations committee report
(Election of representative to Faith, Fellowship, Order)

Splitting of the district (recommendation to Board of Elders)

Election of assistant district coordinators?

Full time district coordinator

Budget

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF
SANTA BARBARA



Rev. Roger E. Webb, Minister

September 22, 1980

TO THE DISTRICT

Dear Colleagues in Christ,

The Rev. Bob Arthur, District Co-ordinator, has asked me to present an initial proposal for the re-structuring of the Southwest District. This proposal is to be a vehicle for thought and discussion within our District as we seek ways to enhance Christ's mission together.

The proposal is to divide the current one district into three new districts. The first district would include the general central California area (Fresno, Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and De Colores). The second district would bring together the desert states. (Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tempe, Tucson(s), Albuquerque and possible new works in Southern Colorado). The third district would include the remaining works in the Southern California area.

The rationale is as follows: The district as constituted is too large in area and by number of church bodies for effectiveness. This district has continued to experience a history of what has been termed "hidden agendas" from its early days and stress from desert vs California concerns.

This proposal seeks to accomplish the following:

1. allow groups with common cultural and geographical concerns to bind together.
2. save financial and other resources through reduced distances.
3. a renewal for each area arising from a fresh beginning.
4. increased fellowship and care through reduced numbers of church bodies.

NOTES:

- A. Missions now have a vote thus the first and second districts can form a Board of Home Missions for each district.
- B. The Board of Elders have ultimate authority to structure districts. We can however, petition to be re-structured.

Any input you may have would be appreciated by October 15th. Please direct all responses to Rev. Arthur as he can more effectively answer any questions you may have.

In Christ,

Rev. Roger E. Webb

MARGIN NOTESUNEDITED NOTES . . .

appointing authority and the Board of Home Missions. The term of office for Deacons shall be for three (3) years. Persons may be reappointed at the end of any term. Training before and after the appointment of deacons is the responsibility of the appointing authority and may be delegated.

*rationale:
"authority" is
office, not person*

d. Discipline: Discipline of deacons is to be exercised by the appointing authority, together with a majority of the approving authority. For cause, the appointing authority may suspend a deacon from the exercise of a deacon's ministry for a period of not more than 30 days, and must report that suspension and the reasons for it to the approving authority. The appointing authority together with a majority of the approving authority may remove a deacon from office for disloyalty, unbecoming conduct, or dereliction of duty and may for cause impose lesser discipline. Decisions made through the above process are final.

B. Ministry of the Clergy.

*marked "hold" in
my notes but not
crossed out.
rationale: care of
the individual*

1. Student Ministers are qualified persons who feel called by God to professional Christian ministry and for a limited time may serve in this position as a test of their calling within a local congregation. [Their training and supervision will be monitored by the Board of Home Missions/World Church Extension Officers or any person/institution designated by them.]

a. Responsibilities: In accordance with their call and the test of that call, Student Ministers will concentrate on learning experiences. Those learning experiences shall include ministry in local congregations as well as academic studies. Student Ministers may administer the rites and sacraments under the authorization and direction of the appointing authority. Considering the responsibilities of Student

MARGIN NOTES
(personal/
unofficial)

UNEDITED NOTES FROM GSS MEETING, June 13-15, 1980, TORONTO:
(Dick Follett)

Article IV

rationale:
"enabling"

The UFMCC affirms the universal priesthood of all believers.

All members of the Church are called by God to a ministry of the Gospel of Christ in the church and in the world.

A. Ministry of the Laity

1. THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS. The UFMCC affirms the ministry of every lay person of the UFMCC.

2. DEACONS. Their office is an historic ministry of service and aid within the Christian Church.

a. Responsibilities: In accordance with the spiritual responsibilities of the office, deacons minister to those in need, the sick, the friendless, and those persons who may be in distress. Deacons may administer the rites and sacraments under the authorization and direction of their appointing authority. Considering the responsibilities of deacons, it is desirable that they not serve in church administrative offices.

*includes Boards
of Directors*

b. Qualifications: Deacons shall be members in good standing of a local church body and be persons of spiritual mind, exemplary lives, joyful outlook, sound judgment, and of proven dedicated service.

c. Appointments: All persons appointed deacons by the pastors of Chartered Churches are subject to approval by the local Board of Directors. All persons appointed deacons in missions or study groups by the local interim pastor/worship coordinator are subject to approval by the district coordinators/world church extension officers and the interim/advisory Board of Directors. If the need arises, the district coordinator/world church extension officer may request the services of a deacon for district work. This request is subject to approval of the

rationale:
moving toward
future full-time
district co-
ordinators

sense of GSS: may
also be exhorter-
evangelists.
deacons/SM may
refuse request

MARGIN NOTESUNEDITED NOTES . . .

Ministers, it is desirable that they not serve in church administrative offices. Student Ministers may serve as worship coordinators of churches, missions or study groups.

b. Qualifications: Before being appointed a student minister, an individual must be a member in good standing of a congregation in this Fellowship and must have demonstrated a spiritual disposition, willingness and ability to work well with others, and must show promise of ability to do the study and work of a professional minister in this Fellowship.

c. Appointments: All persons appointed student ministers by the pastors of chartered churches are subject to approval by the local Board of Directors. All persons appointed student ministers in missions or study groups by the local interim pastor/worship coordinator are subject to approval by the district coordinator/world church extension officer and the local interim/advisory board of directors. The student minister will engage in a program of spiritual and practical study under the direction of the (interim) pastor and/or through any appropriate, recognized educational agency. This program may be supplemented by the Board of Home Missions/World Church Extension Office or any person and/or agency designated by them. The term of a student minister shall be for one (1) year. No person shall serve as a student minister for more than a total of five (5) terms.

d. Discipline: Reasons and procedures for discipline or removal of student ministers are identical to those given in these By-Laws for deacons.

2. Clergy. Clergy are those persons of professed and demonstrated call to be professional Christian ministers who are spiritually and legally recognized by the Fellowship.

*rationale: U.S.
Govt. immigration
recognition--legal
status needed*

MARGIN NOTES

UNEDITED NOTES . . .

*rationale: unique
& various calls to
various forms of
ministry*

a. Responsibilities: In accordance with their call, clergy administer the rites and sacraments of this Fellowship and perform all other functions of Christian ministry.

*rationale: pro-
cedural concerns need
not be spelled out
in by-laws*

b. Qualifications: Qualifications for the clergy are established by the M.C.A.C. subject to the approval of the general conference.

*rationale: min-
isters from other
denominations
included here*

c. Credentials: In accordance with procedures and standards established by the M.C.A.C. and subject to the approval of the general conference, credentials as professional ministers will be issued on a biennial or a lifetime basis.

d. Discipline: The UFMCC cannot condone disloyalty or unbecoming conduct in the professional ministry and therefore the provisions for discipline and removal of credentials of clergy shall be defined by the M.C.A.C., subject to approval of the general conference.

e. Retirement: UFMCC recognizes as honorably retired, clergy who retire after suitable years of service for age, illness, or other compelling reasons. Such clergy shall be accorded all rights and privileges of the clergy.

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1. Alan Fox will send copies of the work for review. Final copies will then be sent to each of us.
--Mark "GSS" on envelopes.
 2. Include rationale notes.
 3. District communications should begin after final copies and rationale.
 4. Develop questionnaires for grassroots input. Send proposed questions to Don Eastman.
 5. Next meeting: with M.C.A.C., probably 3rd week in January, Dallas?

TO: THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FROM: LARRY RODRIGUEZ, LAY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS
AND THE COMMISSION ON LAY CONCERNS

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1980

In June, I attended the Fellowship-wide conference of the Commission on Government Structures and Systems and the Commission on Lay Concerns in Toronto as the lay representative from the Southwest District. At this conference, GSS undertook its charge by the 1979 General Conference to consolidate the large number of proposed revisions to ARTICLE IV, THE MINISTRY of the UFMCC By-laws. The bulk of the four-day conference was spent developing the current draft of the revision to be presented at the Houston General Conference in 1981. Some major features of the draft are:

- 1) Emphasis on the validity of the lay ministry
- 2) Provision for General Conference approval of standards and procedures established by MCAC
- 3) Allowance for deacons to be "borrowed" by District Coordinators for district needs
- 4) Provision for missions and study groups to appoint deacons
- 5) Placement of exhorters (renamed student ministers) under the "Clergy" section of the Article

The Commission on Lay Concerns had as one of its main concerns the need to promote and develop meaningful lay involvement at all levels of the Fellowship.

Combining the objectives of both commissions, I have developed a workshop entitled "A New Ministry" which is directed toward:

- 1) Evaluating the draft revision proposed for Article IV
- 2) Determining meaningful ways lay people can be involved in the total ministry of UFMCC
- 3) Listing ways the Commission on Lay Concerns can assist churches in developing the lay ministry

The first presentation of this workshop was given on Saturday, November 1, 1980 at MCCLA. Unfortunately, due to my lack of understanding of the U.S. Postal System, many churches in the area did not receive the information in time for their participation. I have since written these churches promising to set up a new date for the workshop in the area. However, three church groups were represented at the 11/1/80 workshop and their evaluation of the workshop was definitely favorable. Through the cooperation of MCC San Diego, this workshop will be held there on Saturday, December 13th from 1-5 p.m. I hope also to set a date for a workshop convenient to the desert churches prior to the next Fellowship-wide meeting of GSS and LC in mid-January, 1981. This will enable me to take the information gathered by these workshops back with me so that I can share the view of this district with the rest of the commissions.

Your brother in Christ,

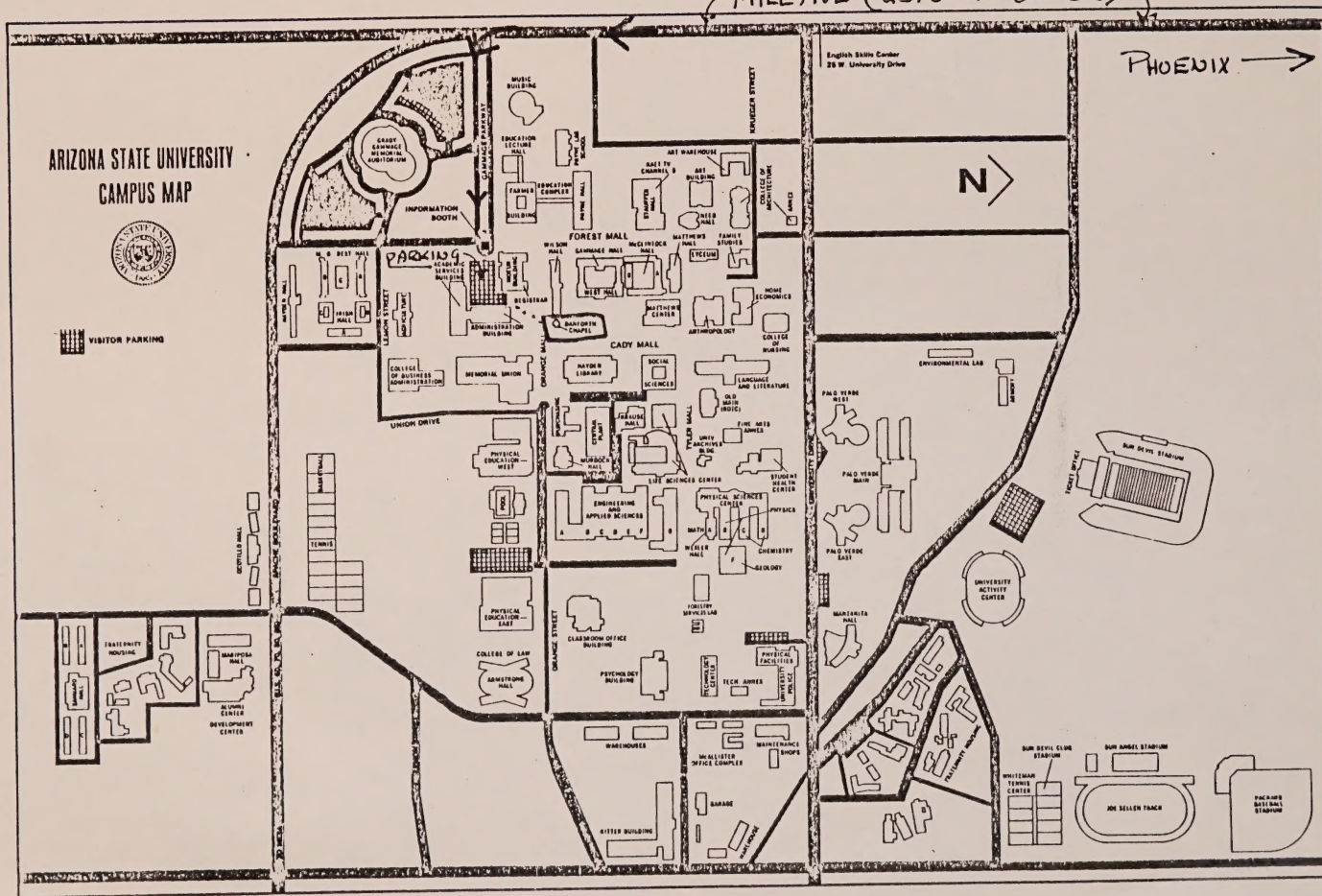
Larry Rodriguez

Larry Rodriguez,
Lay Representative

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April 23, 1981

DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S REPORT TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

This has been a busy five months since our last district conference, and has been filled with many significant activities. At our last conference we established two task forces to work on specific areas of concern to us. The retirement center task force has been fraught with problems from the beginning. Since there was no funding for them, meeting together became a problem. In addition, the chair of that task force encountered several personal problems during this five months, and it was necessary to replace her only at the beginning of April. They have prepared a short report for us, and hope to be able to be more effective during the remainder of the fiscal year of this district.

The re-districting task force has met two times, met ^{with} ~~each~~ congregations in the district, and prepared a good report for us at this conference.

I resigned as Director of the Office of Institutional Ministry on January 13, 1981, and have since that time been serving the district with all of my time. There was a move on the part of some of the members of the Board of Home Missions to find a way to get me some additional salary until the District Conference could meet to consider whether they in fact do want a full-time district coordinator. I certainly appreciated the thoughtfulness, for I certainly was in financial difficulties. However, I did not feel that we could distribute district monies not budgeted for salary without conference approval, so with the permission of a majority of the Board of Home Missions, I have accepted a \$500.00 loan from the district. (I would certainly not be hurt if you should vote to forgive me that loan.) Since we will be voting on the re-districting task force report at this conference, I will know whether or not to seek additional employment for the remainder of the year.

Since our November conference, I have attended and participated in the Government, Structures, & Systems Commission in Dallas; ministers' conference in Detroit; and district coordinators' meeting with the Board of Elders in Detroit. In addition, I was appointed as the chair of a sub-committee of GS&S formed to develop a statement of procedures and standards for the discipline of clergy.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY, May 23, 1981, 1:30 P.M.

- ✓ Seating of delegates
- ✓ Opening prayer
- ✓ Acceptance of minutes of last conference
- ✓ District Coordinator's Report
- ✓ Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Lay Representative's Report
- ✓ Report of Task Force on Retirement Centers
- Election of lay and clergy delegates to Elder's Nominating Committee
- By-Law proposal from Casa de Cristo MCC
- Adjournment until Sunday

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Smith
White
Hose

SUNDAY, May 24, 1981, 3:00 P.M.

- Quorum count
- Opening Prayer
- Report of re-districting task force
- Setting of summer retreat
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

So far this year I have paid a district visit to the following church groups in this district:

South Bay MCC (feasibility study)

MCC of the San Gabriel Valley

Albuquerque MCC

All Saints MCC

Bakersfield MCC

Christ Chapel MCC

Fresno MCC

Long Beach MCC

Oasis MCC

Santa Barbara MCC

Truth Chapel MCC

Beach Cities MCC

De Colores MCC

Las Vegas MCC

We have welcomed one new minister to our district this five months, Rev. Ed Helms, who is in residence in Los Angeles.

I believe that we of the South West District are in good shape, and the following is a capsul of my evaluation of each group:

Albuquerque MCC: Rev. Louis deSpain has just been signed up for another two year contract to serve Albuquerque. They have been steadily growing and I expect them to be ready for chartering in the not too distant future.

All Saints MCC: Rev. Peter Riley has been well received by this mission, and they are developing a good core group who are willing to begin to build the group. Their advertising campaign is going well: "What is the best kept secret in West Hollywood?" The answer of course is the location of All Saints MCC.

Bakersfield MCC: This group is growing fast and it is exciting to watch. Rev. Bonnie Daniel is a dynamite leader both in group and the community, and is finding a lot of response to her ministry. They were recently disappointed when a store front location was suddenly withdrawn from their application. They are desperately looking for a larger meeting place, for they are seriously overcrowded in their present facilities.

Beach Cities MCC: Rev. John Barbone is the pastor of this rather unique group whose membership scatters over 100 miles in several directions. Although small in numbers, they are mighty in their spirit and determination to spread the Word in the Santa Monica area.

Casa de Cristo MCC: Rev. Fred Pattison is the pastor of this hard working group of Christians in the city of the name of their spirit: Phoenix. Out of the ruins of the fire of four years ago has arisen the first MCC building ever to be built from ground up. They are a strong voice for God's

witness in the Valley of the Sun.

Christ Chapel MCC: Rev. Rodger Harrison has been working with this group longer than any other minister in one location in the history of UFMCC. They have recently expanded their apartment house meeting space, and are looking forward to rebuilding a beautiful church on the site of their former church which was burned.

De Colores MCC: Rev. Jean Hart is leading this group in the West San Fernando Valley. They have made their store-front into a beautiful sanctuary, and are continuing to grow both in numbers and stability as well as their witness in that area.

Four Corners MCC: Growth is slow in this isolated community of Farmington, NM. Gene Dudgeon, their worship coordinator, has been discouraged on occasions, but is now looking forward to some renewed interest and growth since the addition of some very excited and hard working members.

Fresno MCC: Our oldest study group in the Fellowship is finally applying for mission status under the able leadership of Rev. David Gillentine. It has been exciting to watch the recent growth of enthusiasm and community interest in MCC in Fresno. They are there to stay, and are growing rapidly.

Las Vegas MCC: Rev. Ron Gee went to Las Vegas nearly two years ago to see if it was time to try again in that city with MCC. With some hesitation he agreed to go, and has not been disappointed since. Las Vegas was ready, and is steadily growing in its commitment to an MCC ministry in that city.

Long Beach MCC: What can anyone say about Long Beach MCC? They are still going strong, and with the leadership of Rev. Dusty Pruitt are continuously finding new ways of getting the message of God's love out to our community there. It is a strong member of our district that we are proud to have with us.

Los Angeles MCC: Whatever I say about Los Angeles will be colored by the fact that I am a member there. Unfortunately, I get there very seldom because of my district travels. However, I do not worry about that, because with the able leadership of Rev. Elder Jeri Harvey, they are meeting and conquering all problems that arise. As with any large church, both the problems and the blessings when they occur, are large. Fortunately the problems have been few, and the blessings many. They are growing in spirit and in commitment.

MCC by the Sea: During a vacation of their worship coordinator, Rev. Howard Williams, they suffered a slump in attendance and income. The Board of Home Missions voted to help them financially, and they have now nicely recovered and are slowly picking up in attendance. Those who are there are also growing in dedication to the Lord and the work of MCC.

MCC in the Valley: Rev. Randy Cypherd is an able leader of this very active and social action oriented congregation. They have been on the forefront of many Fellowship programs, especially the Cuban Relief Fund. They are also forerunners in developing ecumenical relationships for MCC in their area. We are proud to have this very stable group in our district.

MCC in the Desert: Rev. Debbie Gendron is good at motivating people to action, and it has surely shown in this group. This is probably one of the most active of congregations for its size in the district. Not only are they frequently called on to host out of town visitors, but they have developed several community oriented programs which have in effect gotten the whole area to work for the benefit of the church.

MCC of the San Gabriel Valley: With Rev. Virgil Hendershot this group has been rapidly growing in size and visibility in this area of Southern California. They now have their own facility which they have done marvels with in their preparing it for a worship site.

New Covenant MCC: With Rev. Gary Lewis leading the way, this group has seen slow but steady growth, and has developed a strong core with a lot of community outreach going on in the Anaheim, Orange County area.

Oasis MCC: Since this group meets on the campus of Arizona State University, their outreach has been somewhat limited to the campus. This has at times been discouraging to the group because of a lack of rapid growth. However, under the leadership of Rev. Kay Palin, we have seen a strong spiritual development among their membership, and a dedication to service.

Oceanside MCC: This group has experienced a lot of difficult situations and problems in the last year. In addition to losing their pastor, there have been squabbles among the members, the Board of Directors, and the worship coordinator, Gordon Fisher. However, with close supervision, I feel that the group is once again beginning to coalesce into a unified witness for our Lord. They still have to find another place to meet, since the University where they have been meeting is asking all outside groups to find other meeting places.

MCC of the Pomona Valley: Rev. Jane Carl and this group are considered by many to be the warm fuzzy of the district. They show a lot of warmth and support to all who come into their doors. They have been steadily building programs and spiritual growth among their membership, and have taken as their primary priority this year, World Church Extension.

San Diego MCC: Rev. David Farrell and this group continue to be a very distinct voice in the community of San Diego speaking out on the issues and having a great impact. The church continues to strong and healthy, and is now nearly filling the sanctuary ~~three~~ ^{four} times each Sunday. They are looking for a larger home to be able to house their entire family.

San Luis Obispo MCC: Rev. Tere Roderick is probably the most overworked, underpaid minister in the district. In addition to three ~~services~~^{activities} a week in her church, she also brings weekly services to the prison and state hospital there. She finds that her community church is slow to grow because it is composed of primarily those just getting out of one of local institutions, or those in the colleges there. As a result, the income of the group is small, and she must work full-time for a living as well.

Santa Barbara MCC: This newly chartered church is now in the process of looking for a pastor. Rev. Roger Webb is leaving there as of May 3, 1981, and their pulpit committee has begun the search for their new pastor. They are handling the transition well, especially since it is their first experience with a need to look for a pastor.

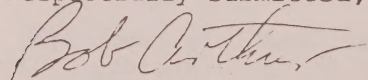
South Bay MCC: This feasibility study is applying for study group status at this conference. It is being led by Rev. Sylvia Pennington in Hermosa Beach. They are seeing a slow and steady influence into the Beach Communities of South Bay bring new people to them gradually, and they are becoming a known part of those communities.

Truth Chapel MCC: Since hiring Rev. Randall Hill, Tucson has gone no where but up. They have a new building, a charter application in to this conference, increased attendance and growing programs involving the whole community.

Ventura MCC: Since Rev. Marge Ragona came to Ventura, the whole complexion of the church has changed. When Marge came they were considering closing the group down. However, they are now considering how soon they can be chartered. This new vitality has greatly increased the ministry of the church in the community as well.

I look forward to a continuing and growing pattern of ministry by each of our groups in the district this coming six months. May God continue to bless us all richly in the service to which we are each called.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator

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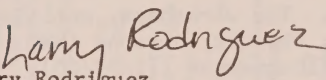
TO: THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
FROM: LARRY RODRIGUEZ, SWD LAY REPRESENTATIVE
SUBJECT: REPORT TO THE SWD FROM THE LAY REPRESENTATIVE
DATE: MAY 23, 1981 -- SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

The major part of my work as Lay Representative since our November meeting of the Southwest District in Phoenix was spent preparing for the Government Structures and Systems Conference in Dallas, January, 1981. The bulk of the time prior to the Dallas Conference was devoted to gaining input from the SWD regarding the proposed revision to Article IV of the of the UFMCC By-laws. Attached is the summary report I submitted to GSS at Dallas from our District.

At the Dallas Conference of GSS I attempted to represent the views of the SWD in all matters, but as is the case in any representative group, a great deal of compromise was necessary to arrive at the proposed revisions as they now read (also attached to this report). This proposed revision will be presented to the Houston General Conference for adoption by UFMCC.

At the Southwest District Conference in Santa Ana, I will be leading a workshop designed to acquaint delegates and clergy with the proposed revision to Article IV as it now stands. Also, as part of this report, I will be asking the Southwest District to make any final recommendations for amendments to the proposal. Finally, I will ask the SWD Conference to take a "straw" vote indicating the measure of its support for the proposed revision.

Your Brother In Christ,


Larry Rodriguez,
Lay Representative

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS
MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE LAITY

FROM: LARRY RODRIGUEZ, LAY REPRESENTATIVE, SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1981

Because of the large geographical area encompassed by the Southwest District and because of the large number of church bodies within the District, I traveled around the District to present a workshop designed to acquaint the District with the proposals from both of the Commission resulting from our last meeting in Toronto, Canada in June, 1980. The workshop was in two parts. Part I dealt with the proposed revision of Article IV. Part II was concerned with promoting lay involvement in the total ministry of the Church. Attached is a summary of concerns expressed by workshop participants.

The summary of Part I of the workshop is divided into two sections. Section A contains concerns related directly to the proposed revision of Article IV. Section B contains concerns related to other areas of our UFMCC structures and systems of government which do not met the needs of the various church bodies within our District.

The summary of Part II is a list of what workshop participants stated were significant ministries lay people could perform. There was a strong desire among participants for assistance by the Commission on the Laity in developing ways to promote these lay ministries at the local congregation, district, and fellowship level.

Five complete and one abbreviated workshop were held. The workshops, entitled "A New Ministry" were conducted at: MCCLA (11/1/80); Phoenix, Arizona (SWD Conference 11/22/80); MCC San Diego (12/13/80); MCC Albuquerque (12/27/80); and MCC Long Beach (1/3/81).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Bob Arthur, the Southwest District Coordinator, for his assistance.

Your Brother in Christ,

Larry Rodriguez

Larry Rodriguez,
Lay Representative
Southwest District

- ① ? Travel Exp. for lay Reps. to move around District.
Fellowship, District, & lay Reps mail not being disseminated.
- ② lay Reps should have voice/vote at Dist. & Gen'l Conf.

"A NEW MINISTRY"

PART I, SECTION B: CONTINUED

PART I, SECTION A:

Summary of concerns related to the proposed revision of Article IV*

1. In the proposal, the section dealing with the "lay person" should be expanded to include the types of ministries they may perform.
2. In the proposal, the section concerning deacons should mention that the office is also based in scripture.
3. Provisions should be made for local church bodies to review the appointment of deacons.
4. The section on the "priesthood of all believers" needs to have a clearer definition of what the ministry of the lay person is.
5. Procedures and standards referred to in the By-laws should be printed and attached as addendums to the By-laws so that everyone would know what they were. (This concern was expressed strongly at each of the workshops).
6. In order to be consistent with not specifying procedures in the proposed revision, Article IV, B should omit mention of the terms (1 year and 5 years). These terms should, instead become part of the standards and procedures established by the M.C.A.C.
7. In the section concerning deacons, Article IV, A, 2.c, the reference to training "before and after" should be altered so that a candidate program is not implied. This candidate program should be left up to local option.
8. Better define "appointing" and "approving" authorities.
9. Article IV, B, 1.c, the proposal limits who may direct the training to the "(interim) pastor". What if there is no pastor (as in the case of Study Groups)?
10. Is it possible to include the office of "lay evangelist" under the section on the ministry of the laity?
11. What will the proposal do to other references to "minister" in the By-laws? In addition, participants suggested that the following concerns be directed to the M.C.A.C. when it develops its standards and procedures mentioned in the proposed revision:
 - a) Define the reasons for "biennial" and "lifetime" credentials.
 - b) Would it be possible for a person to receive a lifetime credential as a clergy person the first time around?
 - c) Could a person be relicensed forever without ever being credentialed on a lifetime basis?

6. ARTICLE V: The District Coordinator is in a conflict role because the D.C. is elected by the District, but the representative of the Board of Elders.
7. The office of Delegate is not defined anywhere in the By-laws.
8. ARTICLE V, D, 2: word "other" should be removed (regarding incumbent).
9. ARTICLE VII: Membership in a local church body should clearly also mean membership in UFMCC.
10. ARTICLE VII: What is "identifiable financial support".
11. ARTICLE IX: Does this article imply we have two houses of government. If so, why aren't our General Conference meetings organized to reflect this?

PART II: Summary list of significant ministries lay people can do as expressed by workshop participants.

1. Evangelism
2. Visitations
3. Organizing fund-raisers, social events, etc.
4. Prison ministry
5. Counseling
6. Publications
7. Church maintenance
8. Participation in worship
9. Home ministry
10. Bible study
11. Usher
12. Transportation committee
13. Sunday school teachers
14. Lead Christian Education program
15. Bar ministry
16. Preaching
17. Serve in a church office (Board, etc.)
18. Office staff
19. Organizing church family groups

SECTION B: Summary of concerns related to other areas where UFMCC government does not meet the needs of church bodies within the Southwest District.

1. Article V: Duties and responsibilities of districts need to be expanded to accommodate biennial General Conferences.
2. ARTICLE VI: Chartered church status should be based on stability not on size. Also, is there a need for three types of church bodies?
3. ARTICLE IX: "Voice but no vote" is taxation without representation.
4. ARTICLE V: The section on Board of Directors needs clarification that the Pastor is part of the Board of Directors.
5. ARTICLE V, A, 6: Why are only chartered churches allowed to control their own destiny? Many missions have been stable, active church bodies, but because of their size, they are not allowed the freedom to govern their own affairs.

* Summaries listed above are not ranked in any manner. No indication of numbers of participants who expressed similar concerns is implied.

ARTICLE IV

MINISTRY

The UFMCC affirms the universal priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:5-10). All members of the Church are called by God to a ministry of the Gospel of Christ in the Church and in the world.

A. MINISTRY OF THE LAITY

1. THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS: Laypeople are the People of God, called by God and authorized by Scripture to respond to the Word, serving as Christ served, to the end that the Church be edified and the world transformed. UFMCC affirms that this is the ministry of every layperson in this Fellowship.

2. DEACONS: As outlined in the New Testament, their office is an historic ministry of service and aid within the Christian Church.

a. RESPONSIBILITIES: In accordance with the spiritual responsibilities of the office, deacons minister to those in need, the sick, the friendless, and those persons who may be in distress. Deacons may serve, and may administer the Rites and Sacraments, under the authorization and direction of their appointing authority. Except in extraordinary circumstances, deacons shall not serve on local church (Interim/Advisory) Boards of Directors.

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b. QUALIFICATIONS: Deacons shall be members in good standing of a local church body and be persons of spiritual mind, exemplary lives, joyful outlook, sound judgement, and of proven dedicated service.

c. APPOINTMENTS:

(1) All persons appointed deacons by the pastors of Chartered Churches are subject to approval by the local Board of Directors.

(2) All persons appointed deacons in missions or study groups by the local interim pastor/worship coordinator are subject to approval both by the District Coordinator/Coordinator of Church Extension and by the Interim/Advisory Board of Directors.

(3) The term of office for deacons shall be for three (3) years. Persons may be reappointed at the end of any term.

d. TRAINING: Training before and after the appointment of deacon is the responsibility of the appointing authority and may be delegated.

e. DISCIPLINE: A deacon may be disciplined for disloyalty, unbecoming conduct, or dereliction of duty. For cause, the appointing authority may suspend a deacon from the exercise of a deacon's duties for a period of not more than thirty(30) days, and must report that suspension and the reasons for it to the approving authority/authorities.

(1) In Chartered Churches, the pastor, together with a majority of the full Board of Directors, may for cause remove a deacon from office or impose lesser discipline.

(2) In missions and study groups, the interim pastor/worship coordinator, together with the approval of the full Interim/Advisory Board of Directors, and with the approval of the District Coordinator/Coordinator of Church Extension, and may for cause remove a deacon from office or impose lesser discipline.

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f. DISTRICT WORKS: If the need arises, the District Coordinator/Coordinator of Church Extension may request a deacon to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the Board of Home Missions/Church Extension Committee.

B. MINISTRY OF THE CLERGY:

(1). CLERGY: Clergy are members of the People of God, called by God, authorized and legally recognized by this Fellowship to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacraments.

(a) RESPONSIBILITIES: In accordance with their call, clergy shall administer the Rites and Sacrament of this Fellowship and be teachers and preachers of the faith to the end that the world may believe and the Church might be renewed, equipped, and strengthened in its ministry.

(b) QUALIFICATIONS: Clergy are those person of professed and demonstrated call to be professional Christian ministers who meet the qualifications established by the M.C.A.C. These qualifications shall be subject to approval of the General Conference.

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(c) CREDENTIALS: In accordance with procedures and standards established by the H.C.A.C. and subject to approval of the General Conference, credentials as clergy will be issued on a biennial or a lifetime basis.

d. DISCIPLINE: The UFMCC cannot condone disloyalty, unbecoming conduct or dereliction of duty by the clergy and therefore the following provisions are established for discipline of clergy.

(1) Initiation of disciplinary procedure for clergy of UFMCC may only be accomplished by a formal statement of charges made by
 1) majority vote of the local congregation affected,
 2) a majority of the elected District Officers, or
 3) three members of the clergy of the Fellowship.
 The charges must be presented in writing to the accused clergyperson and to the appropriate Judiciary Committee appointed by the Board of Elders.

(2) The Judiciary Committee(s) function according to standards and procedures, including appeals, established by the M.C.A.C. and subject to approval of the General Conference. The committee shall be responsible to determine facts alleged and whether those facts constitute disloyalty, unbecoming conduct, or dereliction of duty.

(3) The Judiciary Committee(s) may take disciplinary action by administering rebuke and/or
 1) impose specific conditions on the exercise of the credentials of the clergyperson charged for not more than one year, 2) suspension from duty or of clergy credentials for not more than one year, or 3) removal of credentials. The Judiciary Committee(s) shall direct the M.C.A.C. to minister to the clergyperson charged.

(4) The Judiciary Committee(s) may rebuke parties who are found to have brought charges frivolously or maliciously.

2. STUDENT CLERGY: Student clergy are qualified parties who feel called by God to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacraments. For a limited time they may serve in this position to test their call and to develop needed skills.

a. RESPONSIBILITIES: In accordance with their call and the test of that call, student clergy will concentrate on learning experiences. Those learning experiences shall include ministry in local congregations as well as academic studies. Student clergy may administer the Rites and Sacraments under the authorization and direction of the appointing authority. Except in extraordinary circumstances, student clergy shall not serve on local church (Interim/Advisory) Boards of Directors. Student clergy may serve as worship coordinators of churches, missions, or study groups.

b. QUALIFICATIONS: Before being appointed student clergy, an individual must be a member in good standing within this Fellowship and must have demonstrated a spiritual disposition, willingness and ability to work well with others, and must show promise of ability to do the study and work of the clergy in this Fellowship.

c. APPOINTMENTS:

(1) All persons appointed student clergy by pastors of Chartered Churches are subject to approval by the local Board of Directors.

(2) All persons appointed student clergy in missions or study groups by the local interim pastor/worship coordinator are subject to approval by the District Coordinator/Coordinator of Church Extension and the local Interim/Advisory Board of Directors.

d. TRAINING: The student clergyperson will engage in a program of spiritual and practical study under the direction of the appointing authority and/or through any appropriate, recognized educational agency. This program may be supplemented by the Board of Home Missions/Church Extension Committee or any person and/or agency designated by them.

e. DISCIPLINE: Reasons and procedures for discipline or removal of student clergy are identical to those given in these By-Laws for deacons.

f. DISTRICT WORKS: If the need arises, the District Coordinator/Coordinator of Church Extension may request a student clergyperson to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the Board of Home Missions/Church Extension Committee.

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UFMCC
TASK FORCE ON RETIREMENT CENTERS, ETC.

REPORT FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE
MAY, 1981

And Jesus went into the desert...

The Task Force on Retirement Centers, Etc. was formed at the District Conference in November, 1980 for the specific purpose of pursuing the interests which have been demonstrated or mentioned in these particular areas. The topics of concern for this Task Force would be as follows:

RETREAT CENTERS: places at which members and clergy of the UFMCC would find opportunity for spiritual rest, edification and uplift.

RETIREMENT CENTERS: places at which members and clergy of the UFMCC would find a home upon reaching a senior age for retirement.

NURSING HOMES: places in which persons who are disabled by disease, injury or weakness of age may find shelter and medical care.

CONVALESCENT HOMES: places in which persons who temporarily disabled by disease or injury may find shelter and medical care.

HOSPICES: places in which persons who are terminally ill may find shelter, comfort, and peaceful termination of earthly life.

HOSTELS: places in which persons who are traveling, or in preparation for a new life may find inexpensive shelter and accommodation.

ACADEMIES: places in which persons may find specialized courses of education such as specific courses in theology, scripture or religious studies.

RELIGIOUS CAMPS: places in which persons may find respite and recreation with a religious atmosphere for a period of time.

Upon the establishment of this Task Force, the District Coordinator appointed the following persons to staff this Task Force:

Ms. Josie Barnard (Phoenix), Chairperson
Mr. Ken Newman (Albuquerque)
Rev. Paul Breton (Pomona)
Rev. Rodger Harrison (Santa Ana)
Rev. Sylvia Pennington (Southbay)
Mr. Emmet Wray (Long Beach)
Ms. Kathy Gray (Santa Barbara)

For various reasons, Ms. Josie Barnard has not obtained the opportunity of leading this Task Force. On April 8, Rev. Arthur appointed Rev. Paul Breton as Chairperson, indicating to Rev. Breton that the report for the next Conference was due by April 20.

In recognition of the short period of time allotted, Rev. Breton drafted a packet, copies of which may be obtained for a nominal donation upon request, and forwarded this packet to each of the members of the Task Force. The packet contained a cover letter of generic information, a 3-page report on the lack of success in the attempts to formulate a

retreat center at a ranch in Redlands, a one page "Definition of Terms", a three page document of "Factors to Consider" and a four-page questionnaire. Enclosed with each packet was a self-addressed envelope. Request was made that the questionnaire be completed and returned as soon as possible. While the packets were en route via the U.S. Postal Service, Rev. Breton also attempted to make telephone contact with each of the parties on the Task Force. Communication by telephone was successfully achieved with Mr. Ken Newman, Rev. Sylvia Pennington and Mr. Emmet Wray. Ms. Josie Barnard did not return a request left on her answering machine, contact was not made with Rev. Harrison (90% the fault of Rev. Breton), contact was not made with Ms. Kathy Gray. By the time the report was due, only Rev. Pennington had returned her questionnaire completed. Mr. Ken Newman was contacted by telephone and the answers to the questionnaire were taken over the telephone. Rev. Rodger Harrison was contacted by telephone but was severely pressed with time. Mr. Emmet Wray was not at home and did not return the call as requested. Attempts were made to contact Ms. Josie Barnard, but each dialing of the telephone obtained a "dead line". Several attempts were made to contact Rev. Elder John H. Hose, the Liaison Elder for this interest, but all attempts met with no success. Several attempts were made to contact Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson to provide information to the Administrative Elder regarding this Task Force. These attempts met with no success. Rev. Robert Arthur has been kept closely informed of each step along the way of the work of the Chair of this Task Force.

This report then includes only a cursory representation of the thoughts of Rev. Pennington, Mr. Newman and Rev. Breton. A meeting of the Task Force is planned for the weekend of the District Conference and should the Conference continue this Task Force, an appropriate meeting of all persons on the Task Force and others interested will be scheduled for June/July.

A. RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

Questions were asked on the questionnaire to determine the religious backgrounds of the participants on the Task Force. The purpose for this is to obtain some idea of the scope of understanding which may be placed on this Task Force for the religious purposes of this Task Force. At present the Task Force is represented with Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, American Baptist, Jewish, and Assembly of God (Pentecostal) backgrounds.

B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Questions were asked to determine the educational level of the participants on this Task Force. Currently, the median level of education seems to be approximately 3 years of undergraduate collegiate studies.

PRIORITIES

An attempt was made to determine the priorities with which this Task Force should be concerned. Since there are so many interests, the Chair felt that these interests needed to be placed in a setting of priorities. Very roughly the priorities of concern at present seem to be in the following descending order:

Retreat Centers (including the concept of Counseling Centers)
Religious Camps (being the same basic prospect as Retreat Centers)

40 blocks between Prescott + Flagstaff
501 C3

*The Fifth Avenue
501 C3*

Religious Academy (preferably aligned with a Retreat Center)
Hostel
Retirement Center
Convalescent and Nursing Homes
Hospices

No other thoughts have been submitted regarding alternative programs.

D. PERSONAL INTERESTS IN THE GOALS OF THIS TASK FORCE:

1. "I am personally interested in a retreat center for both long and short terms (which would incorporate the hostel idea), a place where our church proper can find rest, solitude and renewal, along with counseling and possibly an educational program."
2. "We need to define the major needs of the Southwest District, determine specific locations, define the physical facilities which we are seeking, define and locate the costs and funding for these facilities."
3. "My interests in the goals of this Task Force would be to establish those programs which would be of a supportive and supplementary nature to the spiritual and religious needs of the churches and members of the Southwest District, most especially retreats."

E. WHAT SHOULD BE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS TASK FORCE

1. "We need to separate ideas... The Task Force needs to determine what is feasible for our District to undertake and investigate if the undertaking is necessary, functional and possible to be maintained."

F. PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT ON THE TASK FORCE

1. "I have many ideas for a retreat center. I would like to work on plans and programs to present to the District. I also want to give input to not push beyond what is possible; and to establish whether this is a Christian endeavor for the church or a social welfare endeavor for all Gay people."
2. "I want to give financial advice, gather information, write reports, do financial analysis, perhaps design the facility(ies), develop public relations, do fundraising, write brochures, set up the management structure."
3. "My fields of expertise are limited, but I can provide some management guidelines, submit experience from previous church background, obtain the consultation and other services of persons experienced in any of these fields, and consistently ask the questions: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, HOW and HOW MUCH."

G. VARIOUS QUESTIONS

1. The total population of the U.S. is about 224,000,000. The total Gay population is about 22,400,000. The total overt (socially active) Gay population is about 4,000,000. Is there a sufficient population to warrant the establishment of any of the institutions being considered?

The answer has been unanimously "Yes".

2. Do you believe that it is worthwhile to at least do a study program to determine the feasibility of the establishment of these institutions?

The answer has been unanimously "Yes".

3. Do you see the possibility of resources (money, material and personnel) available in the UFMCC?

The answer has been unanimously "Yes", with hesitancy.

4. Do you believe taking the time, energy and talent required to do the work of this Task Force is justified at this time, considering all the other pressing needs of the UFMCC?

The answer has been unanimously "Yes" with some qualification.

5. Do you have the support (not just verbal "ok") of your pastor in this area of endeavor?

At present there is one undecided response and two positive responses.

6. Are you willing to commit a limited amount of time to pursuing the goals of this Task Force?

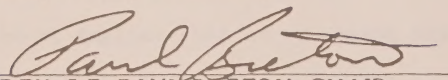
The answer is unanimously "Yes".

FINAL COMMENT

Should this Task Force continue, there will be many questions to formulate, ask and answer. A wide variety of factors will have to be taken into consideration, not the least of which is economics, but also important will be personnel. Perhaps the underlying clause and consideration for the work of this Task Force will be the spiritual needs of the MCC members and the churches and how those needs can be and should be met. It is the Chair's opinion that too much ministry is being spent on issues and not enough on persons. If the work of this Task Force is to have value and merit, the work of this Task Force must be considered first of all in terms of priestly ministry and secondly in terms of meeting the spiritual and religious needs of persons.

In a recent issue of IN UNITY, many of the articles were on "burnout" and one article recommended that persons in MCC who face(d) burnout should retreat to a (Roman) Catholic monastery or convent. What sort of commentary does this make on the UFMCC?

Respectfully submitted,


REV. J.E. PAUL BRÉTON, CHAIR

- 1. Recognizing True Faith Crusade, Inc. as an active working/retirement
2. liaison to True Faith.
3. liaison from local cong.
4. Center in Ag. \$2,000 retirement
5. Same liaison to ret/cent. in Ag.
6. Two fund raisers for retreat centers
7. Reformation of JF into ad. Group
8. Experts in fields to current & future programs.*

April 20, 1981

April 12, 1981

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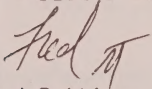
Dear Bob:

According to the new procedures adopted by General Conference IX in August 1979, all by-law proposals submitted to the By-Laws Committee shall be sponsored by a District Conference or a Fellowship Board, Committee, or Commission.

The attached by-laws proposals are submitted by Casa de Cristo-MCC, Phoenix, for consideration at the next Southwest District Conference.

Thank you.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred M.", is written over the typed name.

Fred Pattison
Pastor, Casa de Cristo

ARTICLE III
DOCTRINE, SACRAMENTS, AND RITES

- A. 3. That Jesus...the Christ...both God and human, historically recorded as coming to this earth some 2,000 years before this writing, is God's divine Son, as well as being born of the Virgin Mary, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit. Jesus died for the penalty of sin and rose bodily from the dead once and for all overcoming the power of sin and Satan. Thru personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour, men and women are spiritually reborn and thus become the children of God.

RATIONALE: This more clearly defines who Jesus Christ is, why He came to this earth, and that salvation is provided to all who personally accept Christ as Saviour whereby they become children of God. The statement also declares that we, as a Fellowship, believe in the Virgin birth of Jesus and His literal body resurrection.

4. That the Holy Spirit is God making known God's love and interest to all people. The Holy Spirit is God and is available to all believers to enlighten and empower them and the Church in worship, mission, and service.

Rationale: To express more fully the work of the Holy Spirit.

5. Justification by grace to God through faith in Jesus Christ is available to all people.

Rationale: The present by-law statement implies that every person has already been justified without faith whereas the revised statement indicates that justification is for all people who accept Christ by faith.

6. We are saved from a life of separation from God through God's gift of grace. Such grace is not earned, but is a gift from God. We further commend the Fellowship of the Faithful to a life of prayer; to seek genuine forgiveness for unkind, thoughtless, and unloving acts; and to a committed life of Christian service.

Rationale: The present statement gives no indication that we are saved from sin but the revised statement declares that we are saved from sin (a life of separation from God) since the primary purpose of Christ's coming to earth was to save from sin.

7. We believe that the True Church is universal and is called the Body of Christ. (I Corinthians 12:17; Ephesians 4:12) and is the only true spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:20-23), and that it is not confined to any one particular denomination, sect or local church. Local churches are visible manifestations of the Body of Christ. The Church serves to bring all people to God through Christ. Local churches shall arrange for regular services of worship, prayer, interpretation of the Scriptures, and the edification through the teaching and preaching of the Word.

Rationale: To define the Church in the universal aspect of the Church and to state the purposes of establishing and maintaining local churches.

B. SACRAMENTS (ORDINANCES) This church embraces two holy Sacraments (Ordinances).

1. BAPTISM by water, as recorded in the Scriptures, shall be a sign of the dedication of each life to God and God's service.

Rationale: In the present statement there is no differentiation between water and spirit baptism although the statement refers to water baptism.

2. HOLY COMMUNION is the partaking of blessed bread and wine in accordance with our Lord's words: "This is my body...this is my blood."

(Matthew 26:26-28)

All who believe, confess, repent and seek God's love through Christ, after examining their own consciences, may freely participate in the communal meal, signifying that they have been received into His fellowship, have been saved by His sacrifice, will participate in His resurrection, and their desire to commit their lives anew to His service.

Rationale: Participants in this ordinance should already be believers in Jesus Christ because they have already been received into Christ's fellowship. The present by-law implies that by receiving communion one is accepted into Christ's fellowship.

Rationale for adding ordinances after sacraments:

To help people from all types of church backgrounds better relate to terminology of sacrament and ordinance.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDED STRUCTURE FOR THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

The District Task Force was commissioned to consider the restructuring of the Southwest District. We were asked to look at whether we should remain one large district, divide into three or more smaller districts or somehow regionalize as a compromise between the two. Corresponding questions involved the funding, politics and borders of regions, the funding of a District Co-ordinator, election of assistant District Coordinators and a myriad of other related issues.

Our initial meeting brought us together for dialogue and the sharing of our feelings. Our weekend was surprising in many ways. As we struggled through initial discussions of whether to divide or regionalize, we found ourselves running into hidden attitudes, isms and fears that no amount of geographic gerrymandering could undue. We endeavored to look beneath and behind each choice that presented itself. In the process we recognized the need for input from each local body.

Prior to spending six weeks contacting district congregations, we turned to our UFMCC by-laws to find out the feinition and purpose of a district. We discovered that a district exists for Christian fellowship and mutual cooperation. These two purposes have a two-fold application: to strengthen and uplift existing groups and to establish new groups within our district. To these ends the collection and disbursement of district monies is also mandated.

In our dialogues with district congregations we discovered varying degrees of satisfaction, frustration, apathy or lack of awareness depending on the expectation or involvement of the people with whom we talked. Some were pleased with the level and quality of fellowship, yet some expressed a profound sense of isolation and alienation. Frequently, the quality of district conferences was called into question -- especially in light of the by-law defined purpose. A sense of powerlessness was expressed by some, a sense of fear evidenced in the face of potential change, a mis-understanding of motives expressed and a confusion of authority, accountability and access was discovered. In most congregations we found an absence of grass-roots involvement.

A review of our history reveals that many congregations came into existence as a negative reaction to an established body. This situation has, in our opinion, been one of the causes undermining the building of trust so essential to mutual cooperation. Other factors preventing the building of cooperation include economics, competition, elitism, jealousy and differing priorities.

One of the baffling discoveries was the constantly changing opinions in both ourselves and those groups with whom we dialogued. Yet we discovered also a great desire to fulfill our purpose. The interchange of ideas revealed a willingness to share, to listen, to respond and to grow with one another in our Christian walk.

We did not discover a simple solution or a single answer. We did discover the importance of each person and congregation without our district, a sense of hope and a genuine desire and excitement for Christian fellowship and mutual cooperation.

PROPOSAL: In view of these considerations, we reommend that District boundaries remain the same and that the district conference be structured in a way to facilitate and encourage the communication of our mutual need for one another, which this Task Force recognizes as the first step toward mutual cooperation.

IMPLEMENTATION: This task force is currently acting as an advisory board for the district. We have been charged with the responsibility of looking at many areas within the district to come up with guidelines and proposals which are long overdue.

We propose to this conference that this task force/advisory board be a standing task force within this district for the next two years to be charged with the task of representing the diversity or pluralism of this district and to continue to work for

Other responsibilities of the district coordinator include a lot of phone calls, both coming and going, a lot of correspondence, maintaining an active file of church and ministers' reports, tithe accountability, sharing of district information, making sure agendas are set and facilitated for both District Conferences and Board of Home Missions meetings, setting up District Review Committee schedules, providing an evaluation of each minister going for re-licensure each year, and several other smaller tasks assigned from time to time. In addition, the district coordinator is automatically a member of the Government, Structures, & Systems Commission.

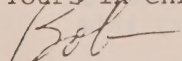
As many of you know, for three years I have served as 1/2 time district coordinator, and 1/2 time director of the Office of Institutional Ministry. In January of this year I got tired of putting in over 80-100 hours a week trying to accomplish two half time jobs which were in reality full time jobs. So I resigned the Office of Institutional Ministry to serve the district more effectively and prevent myself from burning out after three years of double duty. Since that time I have still been putting in over 50 hours per week into the district functions, and do not see how that will be cut to 20 hours a week, even with the help of the committee.

As you know, other districts have been experimenting with full time district coordinators, and have found it to be successful. In addition, at our recent District Coordinators' meeting with the Board of Elders we were informed of their aim to move in the direction of mandating all districts to have full-time district coordinators as they expect to shift some of their responsibilities to the district coordinators.

I have been serving the district since January 13, 1981 as a full time district coordinator, even though I am only being recognized and paid as a half time employee of the district. I took this upon myself as there was no mandate from this district to do so. However, there is no way that I can continue to survive on half a salary, and I will have to seek other employment in the near future to supplement my income. This means that I will be cutting back on my services to the district, and I will not be fulfilling what I understand the position of district coordinator to entail. For this reason, I must announce to the district that I have very much enjoyed serving you as your district coordinator these last four years, but will be seeking a full-time ministry in November. If that cannot be a full-time district coordinator then that will have to be a full-time pastorate.

Again, I wish to thank the members of the task force for what I consider a job well done and conscientiously accomplished.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator



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April 22, 1981

Dear Friends & Cohorts,

Ever since the initial draft of the ideas of the re-districting task force came out, several of you have been calling me for my reactions. Now that the enclosed final report is in, I thought I should share with you all my own reactions to that report.

First of all I am thrilled with many of the recommendations and suggestions for the future of our district. I especially like the concept of team ministry on the part of the task force. With a committee of this size working on preparing district conferences, facilitating closer working relationships between churches in their particular area, and acting like a Board of Directors to the District Coordinator, I feel we could really see some dynamite programs and growth in this district which one person alone can not accomplish.

However, I am not in agreement with their assessment of a lack of need for a full-time district coordinator. The UFMCC By-Laws specifically call for the district coordinator to be a minister and to visit each group in the district regularly. We have 26 groups at present, with a possibility of several more in the near future. At present no pastor in this district could serve as district coordinator and be able to fulfill the By-Law requirement of visiting each of the church bodies in the district even once a year. Visiting each group one Sunday a year would take exactly one half of the Sundays a year, and I do not know of any church which would allow its pastor to be out of their pulpit that many times a year. (I'm not even sure about staff ministers being gone that many Sundays.)

Even though the members of the committee might be utilized for trouble-shooting missions in their area and represent the district at special occasions in their area, there would still be a need for a district coordinator to visit some of the groups more often than once during any given year. In addition there is a week of General Conference, at least two weekends a year for District Conferences, Ministers' Conference, and District Coordinator's conference. Given all these obligations to be away on weekends, a district coordinator may not be serving a church in any vital function on a local level. (I have been able to attend services at my own church once so far since the first of January this year.)

6. Attach a copy of the following:

- a. Financial statement of assets and liabilities
- b. Current budget
- c. Projected goals of congregation
- d. Current information (mailing and meeting addresses, telephone, etc.)
- e. Signatures of those requesting charter status (sample petition included)
- f. Need according to UFMCC By-Laws a copy of local by-laws or standard operating procedure.

1. *Unity of the spirit, a working together*
2. *A concern for our sisters and brothers, both members and non-members*
3. *A Christian concern in all areas, not only for lesbians and gay men*
4. *Reach a level of consistency of spirituality where we are a support to each other and a light to others*

B. Community Profile and Appraisal

1. How do you see yourself as a "family of faith"? Describe what kind of "family" life you share and/or don't share.
2. What role do you play or see yourself as playing in the community-at-large?
3. What is your relationship to other groups and organizations in your area?
4. How does our congregation show commitment to self, job, responsibilities, relationships with friends, lovers, church, etc.?
5. How is our dedication to the task God calls us to visible to those who observe our work?
6. How do our people show stability in their lives and support of the church?
7. How have we handled conflict?

Primary consideration in evaluating the Community should be given in regards to the commitment of the community within during good times, but also during struggle and problem times.

C. Functional Profile and Appraisal

How many people have attended worship and other functions. List separately all worship services thus far, and the amount of offering. List any other functions and attendance and if any monies were collected. If there are particular highs or lows, describe what was happening in your community life.

1. Describe your worship facility and if you are able to bear the expense incurred.
2. Describe your inreach and outreach activities and programs. How do these reflect the genuine needs of your local church and community?
3. Pastor/Worship Coordinator: primary consideration in evaluating pastoral financial package should be given to whether or not this is a mutually satisfactory arrangement.
 - a. *Covenant drawn between Board of Directors and Pastor and accepted by congregation and Pastor. Covenant should include consideration for vacation and regular time off.*
 - b. *Specify current financial support: what percentage is this of your total budget; what percentage is provided by secular employment. Consideration should be given to the following areas: salary per week, housing allowance, health insurance, transportation expenses for local travel, phone (base rate plus church calls), working hours (to be commensurate with salary), regular time off.*
4. Are you completely up-to-date on all tithes to the District and UFMCC?
5. List worship attendance and offerings for last six months. List attendance at other functions separately and amount of monies collected.

III. MISSION STATUS

A. Spiritual Profile and Appraisal

Describe in a paragraph how you view the spiritual quality of your particular group. Include what you see as unique, strong and weak. (If you have met as a feasibility study, describe where the group was in the beginning, and where you see growth and changes.) Are any spiritual fruits visible or is it necessary for you to plant seeds on a seemingly bare field?

Primary consideration in evaluating the spiritual profile should be given to visibility of growth in spiritual quality.

B. Community Profile and Appraisal

1. How do you see yourself as a "family of faith"? Describe what kind of "family" life you share and/or don't share.
2. What role do you play or see yourself as playing in the community-at-large?
3. What is your relationship to other groups and organizations in your area?

Primary consideration in evaluating the Community should be given to not only the sense of community within, but the relationship with the community at large.

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 - e. Signatures of those requesting mission status (sample petition included)

IV. CHARTER STATUS

A. Spiritual Profile and Appraisal

Describe in a paragraph how you view the spiritual quality of your particular group. Include what you see as unique, strong and weak. (If you have met as a feasibility study, describe where the group was in the beginning, and where you see growth and changes.) Are any spiritual fruits visible or is it necessary for you to plant seeds on a seemingly bare field?

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

I. RATIONALE

Using questions and local appraisal as a guideline is to point local churches to really look at itself and for all of us to respect that assessment is a shared responsibility between local congregations and governing Boards (Home Missions and Elders). This points the way toward mutuality relationships rather than elitist hierarchal relationships.

The rationale for looking at the total picture of the church through spiritual, community, and functional profiles is to put emphasis on a holistic and personal rather than just functional and impersonal (i.e., finances and attendance) as has been done in the past.

II. STUDY GROUP STATUS

A. Spiritual Profile and Appraisal

Describe in a paragraph how you view the spiritual quality of your particular group. Include what you see as unique, strong and weak. (If you have met as a feasibility study, describe where the group was in the beginning, and where you see growth and changes.) Are any spiritual fruits visible or is it necessary for you to plant seeds on a seemingly bare field?

Primary consideration in evaluating the spiritual profile should be given to your desire to meet together and grow spiritually.

B. Community Profile and Appraisal

1. How do you see yourself as a "family of faith"? Describe what kind of "family" life you share and/or don't share.
2. What role do you play or see yourself as playing in the community-at-large?
3. What is your relationship to other groups and organizations in your area?

Primary consideration in evaluating the Community should be given to the sense of community, i.e., "family of faith", which exists in relation to each other.

C. Functional Profile and Appraisal

How many people have attended worship and other functions. List separately all worship services thus far, and the amount of offering. List any other functions and attendance and if any monies were collected. If there are particular highs or lows, describe what was happening in your community life.

Primary consideration in evaluating the functional profile should be determined by the local group and what they see as necessary resources to meet as a study group.

D. Current Information

Mailing address, telephone, meeting address, facilitator, etc.

E. Signatures of those desiring study group status (include sample petition)

F. Why do you want to affiliate with the UFMCC?

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR NEW WORKS' FUND

We recommend that all congregations in the Southwest District present this definition and allocation policy to their congregations emphasizing our need and our call to support New Works in the expansion of our MCC family. We are confident in our hope that these guidelines will bring all congregations into a shared commitment to give an additional 1% to this missionary outreach of the Southwest District.

I. DEFINITION OF A NEW WORK

A New Work is that group which has come into existence as a Feasibility Study or Study Group within the last six months and is recognized as affiliated with the UFMCC through the Southwest District. A group not fitting the above time criteria may be declared by a 2/3 majority of the Board of Home Missions meeting in regular session as qualifying for New Work Funding as a result of a need for re-vitalization or because of special circumstances.

II. ALLOCATION POLICY

New Works' Funding shall be used to subsidize one or more of the following:

- A. Initial relocation cost of Worship Coordinator or Interim Pastor
- B. Establishment expenses, such as Utility deposits, Rents, Telephone, etc.
- C. Salary Supplement
- D. Travel for resource persons

III. ADMINISTRATION

This fund shall be administered by the Board of Home Missions meeting together in regular session and reported to the floor of the District Conference. We encourage New Works to submit requests for funding grants detailing amount projected, use and time element through their representative on the BOHM.

Rationale: We are requesting projected use more for the purpose of BOHM's awareness of growth needs rather than as a monitoring process. We wish to encourage groups into a process of self-evaluation and determination of their priorities.

IV. EMERGENCY FUNDING

We recommend the establishment of an Emergency Fund as a part of the general working budget of the Southwest District in the amount of \$500 from May to November, 1981. We recommend a \$1000 budget allocation for 1981-82. This fund will be administered as a discretionary fund by the District Coordinator, lay representative and Treasurer. Allocations shall be reported to the BOHM and the District Conference.

Rationale: Crisis can occur in any group. Monies budgeted for New Works or other areas targeted for district work should not be touched.

a structure that facilitates mutual cooperation, trust, fellowship and outreach. (It should be noted and stressed that we recommend a continuance of those presently serving because of the time we have spent exploring the issues before, the struggle and resolution through dialogue, and not because of any sense superior qualifications.)

Specific tasks for this task force:

- A. To plan the content of District conferences with the exception of worship services (to be handled by the district worship committee) and logistics (by the host congregation).
- B. To continue to receive input and encourage dialogue between the 3-5 congregations currently represented by each task force member.
- C. To meet together one or two times per year with the District Coordinator to discuss issues raised, needs unveiled and methods of increasing dialogue and trust between district congregations.
- D. The composition of the task force remain the same with the addition of one additional member, a lay woman preferably from the eastern desert region to give our task force membership a balance of lay, clergy, male and female.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT COORDINATOR

The question of a full-time District Coordinator raises both distinct possibilities for increased nurture and care for our district congregations and increased alienations resulting from the creation of an established hierarchy. We found opinion to be equally divided on this issue: nearly an equal number opposed as those in favor. An added difficulty in looking objectively at this question is the existence of a District Coordinator currently available to serve full-time. Without ignoring or dismissing the personal bias of any task force member, we have endeavored to look beyond the current District Coordinator and consider the office rather than the merits, personality and availability of a person.

The status of a congregation seems to affect the expectation and desire for the office of a full-time district coordinator. There seems among many study groups and missions the need for fulltime availability of a district coordinator, partly because they are still under jurisdiction of the Board of Home Missions and the office of the DC is the link between said groups between conferences. However, many chartered churches, due to their somewhat autonomous nature after chartering, have less desire and need for availability of fulltime coordinator.

PROPOSAL: This task force proposes the funding of a part-time position to help in meeting the needs of availability evidenced in study groups and missions.

We propose that a job description for district coordinator be developed during the next year through dialogue, need discovery and grass-roots involvement.

We propose that the district coordinator not be paid to create mutual cooperation, but that the appointed non-paid task force remain standing to bring about increased fellowship opportunities and cooperation and that the money that would be spent for a fulltime DC be awarded travel monies for more involvement from diverse people within our district.

RATIONALE: The District Coordinator in the past has been a lone position in this district which has taken the brunt of our frustration and unexpressed expectation. The development of a team ministry on a year-round basis would help take pressure off the DC through the sharing of the task to fulfill the purpose of our district. A team ministry would facilitate more on-going communication with local bodies between conferences, thus alleviating felt alienation and preventing discussions of issues occurring only at our district meetings. A team ministry would help create on-going dialogue between congregations, bringing about the ideal of people working together with one another for common purposes rather than looking for solutions by "they" or "them."

As a minister 10 years away
from retirement, this city kid
may not want to retire to Ariz.

\$3,200

4 parcels
40 acres
\$8,000 ea.
160 acres
\$32,000

10 years
10% down
9 3/4% interest

Campbell Ranch
Ind. Ariz.



UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

District Coordinator

District Treasurer

The Rev. Bob Arthur
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Lois Lunenburg
POB A-O
Ventura, CA 93001

October 10, 1980

Board of Elders
5300 Santa Monica Boulevard #304
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Dear Friends,

By now you have probably received a letter from the Board of Home Missions of the Mid-Central District asking you to allow Durango, CO to be considered part of the South West District. As you may know, Durango, CO and Farmington, NM are jointly meeting on a weekly basis for worship and study, and are alternating their meeting sites between Durango and Farmington. On the weeks that the meetings are held in New Mexico, our mission in Albuquerque is going up to facilitate worship. However, since the men who founded the work are located in Durango, they petitioned the Board of Home Missions in the Mid-Central District for study group status with that district. However that Board referred their request to us since we were already helping them through our Albuquerque group, and they are separated from the nearest Mid-Central District group by the spine of the Rocky Mountains.

I have polled our own Board of Home Missions and have a majority vote to accept them as a feasibility study here with the approval of the Board of Elders. If you so approve, we would certainly consider making them a study group at our next Board of Home Missions meeting in Phoenix on November 21. Is it possible to have a decision from the Board of Elders by that date?

Thank you for your help.

In Christ,

Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator

cc: SW District Board of Home Missions
Mid-Central District Board of Home Missions
Farmington/Durango group

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group OASIS MCC Quarter covered Jul-Aug-SEP-80
(Due the 15th of the next month)

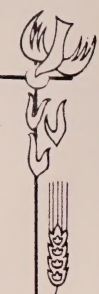
Record of attendance and offerings:

	DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
Month #1	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>50-</u>
	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>51-</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>26-</u>
	<u>27</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>78⁸⁹</u>
Month #2	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>31-</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>31⁴⁶</u>
	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>83⁵⁰</u>
	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>84-</u>
	<u>31</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25-</u>
Month #3	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>76⁸³</u>
	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>36-</u>
	<u>21</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>75⁷⁵</u>
	<u>28</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>24⁰³</u>

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	<u>20.59</u>	<u>25.50</u>	<u>21.26</u>
District tithes	<u>6.17</u>	<u>7.64</u>	<u>6.37</u>
WC or IP salary	<u>160=</u>	<u>200=</u>	<u>160=</u>
Rent	<u>25=</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Phone	<u>21.20</u>	<u>22.88</u>	<u>14.98</u>
Office	<u>30.52</u>	<u>7.56</u>	<u>2.16</u>
Other (explain)	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

Please attach any change in budget, special expenses, special programs and special needs you foresee in the next three months.



OASIS

Metropolitan Community Church
p.o. box 10272
phoenix, az. 85064

S/W DISTRICT CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 21, 22, and 23, 1980

" IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU... IN FAITH, FELLOWSHIP
AND ORDER. (based on John 16:13)

Oasis MCC welcomes you to the Nov. S/W District Conference. The Los Olivos Hotel has been chosen for this conference because of its central location in downtown Phoenix. It is close to the airport, bus terminals and the gay community organizations and bars. The hotel has free parking, a large lounge with the capacity of 200 people, a coffee shop, a dining room, heated pool and pool-side window bar service.

Although there is a 4 hour business meeting on Saturday, we encourage you to take the opportunity this weekend to join in worship and fellowship with sisters and brothers from other MCC's in this district. Maps are enclosed in this packet for your convenience should you wish to visit local points of interest and/or local bars. ** NOTE: The bars close at 1 am. Some of the local points of interest are:

- 1) Phoenix Art Museum 1625 N. Central Ave. (next to the hotel). Fri. & Sat. 10am-5pm. Sun. 1-5pm The French Masters will be exhibited this weekend. Adults: \$1.50, Senior Citizens: \$1.00, Students and Children: \$.50 The International Cowboy Art Show will also be held at the museum --Free Admission
- 2) The Heard Museum 22 E. Monte Vista Rd. (within walking distance) Southwest American Indian Arts Exhibit. Fri. & Sat. 10am- 5pm Sun. 1-5pm. Adults: \$1.50, Senior Citizens: \$1.00, Students with I.D. and children: \$.50
- 3) Arizona Historical Society Museum 1242 N. Central Ave. 10am.-4pm Fri. & Sat. Free Admission includes a touch museum for children of all ages.
- 4) Arizona Mineral Museum Mineral Building-- Az. State Fairgrounds McDowell Rd. & 19th Ave. Fri. 8am- 5pm, Sat. & Sun. 1-5pm Free Admission
- 5) Desert Botanical Gardens-- Papago Park-- McDowell Rd. East of 48th St. 1201 N. Galvin Parkway. Adults: \$1.50, Children (ages 5-12) \$.50 Daily 9am to sundown.
- 6) Phoenix Zoo--Papago Park-- 5810 Van Buren Daily 9am-5pm. Adults: \$2.50, Children: (4-14) with an adult: \$1.00, Two mile trainride (guided tour) \$.75



Rev. Kay Palin

(602) 279-5878

- 7) Wax Museum 5555 E. Van Buren--- Old West, Presidents, Stars, Royalty, Religion, Horrors, Future & Fantasy-land. Daily 9:30- 9pm. Adults: \$4.50, Children 12 and under: \$1.75
- 8) Pueblo Grande Museum & Indian Ruins (200 BC- 1400AD) 4619 E. Washington Fri. 9am-4:45pm, Sun. 1-4pm Free Admission
- 9) South Mountain Park-- Lookout Point
View the lights of the valley at night. 25¢ per car.
Open until 12:30 am. Go South on Central Ave.

For more information see pamphlets in the hotel lobby. We will have a hospitality room, ask at the hotel desk for the room #.

The Sunday evening worship service will be held at Danforth Chapel, A.S.U. Campus, Tempe. (see map in the packet) All other activities will be held at the hotel. Thank you for your patience and help during the confusion concerning the registration for this conference.

The emphasis of this conference is Faith, Fellowship and Order. We encourage you to attend a workshop on Sat. morning, the business meeting or workshop on Sat. afternoon. and the informal discussion groups on Sunday afternoon. We need to hear from you!!! The Sunday 9am worship service will be a special lay involvement service that you won't want to miss!

There has been confusion and this is the major business conference of the year, however, we can still share with one another, care for one another, learn from one another and grow together.....if we but trust in God to guide us.

*** Remember Californians, you will gain an hour going home. ***

OASIS
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

TEMPE, AZ.

GENERAL FUND
QUARTERLY REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1979 - 1980
THIRD QUARTER

	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
Tithable Income	315.84	297.28	286.33	899.45
Other	180.00	48.25	4.50	232.75
Gross Income	495.84	345.53	290.83	1,132.20
Expenditures				
S.W. Dist. Assessment	9.46	8.91	8.58	24.29
UFMCC Tithe	31.59	29.73	28.63	89.95
Rent	25.00			25.00
Postage		16.60		16.60
Telephone		33.10		33.10
Operating Supplies	29.64	61.54	35.24	126.42
Advertising	17.50	33.23	17.50	68.23
Payroll	100.00	100.00	200.00	400.00
Conference	15.00	55.00		70.00
Savings			100.00	100.00
Other	80.00	122.00	3.75	205.75
Total Expenditures	308.19	460.11	393.70	1,162.00
Net Gain/Loss	+187.65	-114.58	-102.87	-29.80

Gross	1,132.20	Cash Bal	135.32
Beginning Bal.	262.10	Checking Bal	96.98
Total	1,394.30	Ending Bal	232.30
Expenditures	1,162.00		
Ending Bal.	232.30		

Savings Account	403.07
Deacon's Fund	67.45
Juniper Fund	48.94

E. Charles Cartier

E. CHARLES CARTIER
Treasurer

*Bob -
for your
info
Bud*



5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 304, Los Angeles, California 90029 (213) 464-5100

JUL 24 1980

July 22, 1980

The Reverend Robert Arthur, Coordinator
Southwest District, UFMCC
5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, #304
Los Angeles, California 90029

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter dated July 17, 1980 concerning the Board of Home Missions' request for information regarding the Reverend Howard Williams' capabilities as a professional minister. I want to be very clear that you have asked for something that the Ministerial Credentials and Affairs Committee has no authority to provide. As the Bylaw of the Fellowship stand, the only time that MCAC can question the capabilities of an ordained is when s/he has been inactive (not involved in an authorized UFMCC ministry) for a period of at least one year. If the Board of Home Missions can document that for a period of at least one calendar the Reverend Williams was not active in an authorized ministry, the Ministerial Credentials and Affairs Committee would have the authority to consult with him about his ministry in the Fellowship.

I hope that you understand our position. If the Board of Home Missions wishes to submit to the General Conference guidelines authorizing the Ministerial Credentials and Affairs Committee to investigate these areas in regard to professional ministers, that is within its realm of opportunity. At this point, however, we have no such authority and cannot meet your request. I apologize that you have received no response from me on this matter previously. I checked the file and found no previous letter. I hope that this clarifies the matter. If I can be of any further service to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

God bless,

The Reverend Jim N. Dykes, Chairperson
Ministerial Credentials and Affairs Committee

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The Reverend Troy D. Perry, Founder

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group _____ Quarter covered _____
 (Due the 15th of the next month)

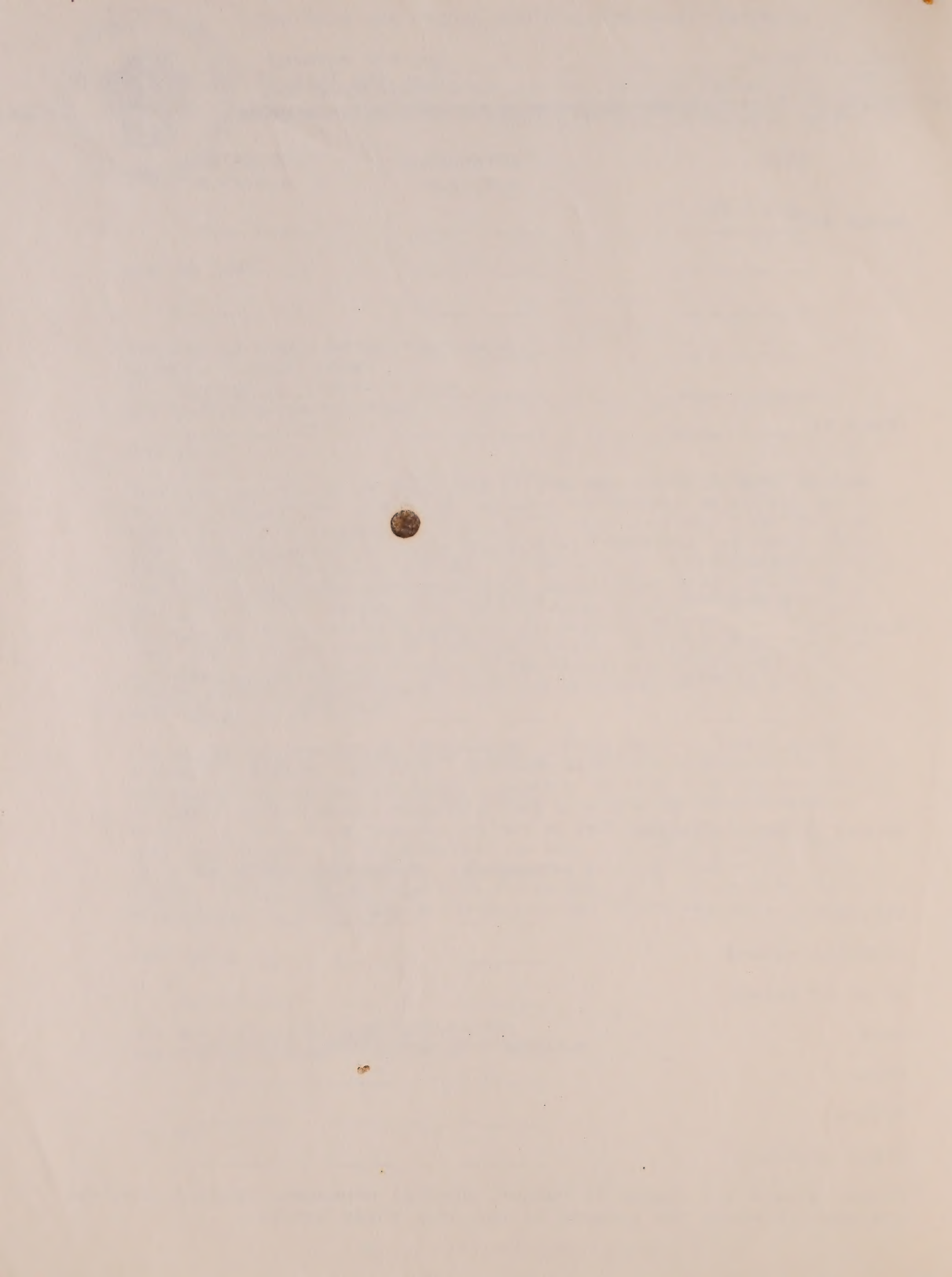
Record of attendance and offerings:

DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
Month #1 _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Month #2 _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Month #3 _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	_____	_____	_____
District tithes	_____	_____	_____
WC or IP salary	_____	_____	_____
Rent	_____	_____	_____
Phone	_____	_____	_____
Office	_____	_____	_____
Other (explain)	_____	_____	_____

Please attach any change in budget, special expenses, special programs and special needs you foresee in the next three months.



QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group _____ Quarter covered _____
 (Due the 15th of the next month)

Record of attendance and offerings:

DATE	ATTENDENCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
Month #1 _____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Month #2 _____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Month #3 _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	_____	_____	_____
District tithes	_____	_____	_____
WC or IP salary	_____	_____	_____
Rent	_____	_____	_____
Phone	_____	_____	_____
Office	_____	_____	_____
Other (explain)	_____	_____	_____

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 (Due the 15th of the next month)

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Month #1 _____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Month #2 _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Month #3 _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	_____	_____	_____
District tithes	_____	_____	_____
WC or IP salary	_____	_____	_____
Rent	_____	_____	_____
Phone	_____	_____	_____
Office	_____	_____	_____
Other (explain)	_____	_____	_____

Please attach any change in budget, special expenses, special programs and special needs you foresee in the next three months.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NFMCC

REPORT FOR APRIL 1981

BANK BALANCE 3087.33

INCOME:		YTD	BUDGET 80/81
Tithes 2%	1193.48	5846.20	4302
Tithes 1%	445.10	2141.74	2148
Task Force		309.44	
Other		<u>1427.12</u>	<u>2352</u>
Total Income	1638.58	9724.50	8802

EXPENSES:

Travel	562.83	2665.05	2148
Telephone	246.15	399.85	372
Prison			402 →
Salary	450.00	2350.00	2700
Supplies	346.04	784.04	2522
Postage	121.18	268.65	252
Bookkeeper	50.00	300.00	300
Secretary			150
Gifts		100.00	
Loans	500.00	700.00	
Govt. Structure		204.16	150
Samaritan	400.00	400.00	198
New Works		150.00	1098
Task Force	<u>211.57</u>	<u>547.72</u>	<u>498</u>
Total Expenses	2887.77	8869.47	8520
	(1249.19)		

taken out of
cess funds

Behind in Tithes:

Albuquerque	Dec 80	Jan 81	Feb 81	Mar 81
Santa Ana	Feb 81	Mar 81		
Beach Cities	Mar 80	Jan 81	Feb 81	Mar 81
San Antonio	Mar 80			
Ventura	Mar 81			
Canoga Park	Feb 81	Mar 81		
Las Vegas	Oct 80			
SAN GABRIEL	MAR 81			

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group TRUTH CHAPEL Quarter covered 2ND (APRIL-JUNE)
(Due the 15th of the next month)

Record of attendance and offerings:

DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./ p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./ p.m.
Month #1 <u>4-6</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>46.62</u>
<u>4-13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>68.00</u>
<u>4-20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>131.10</u>
<u>4-27</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>94.38</u>
Month #2 <u>5-4</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>114.00</u>
<u>5-11</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>115.60</u>
<u>5-18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>68.00</u>
<u>5-25</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>132.00 + 26.00 Samaritan</u>
Month #3 <u>6-1</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>117.41</u>
<u>6-8</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>122.00</u>
<u>6-15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>109.00 + 21.48 UFMCC</u>
<u>6-22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>135.90</u>
<u>6-29</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>117.13</u>

U.F.M.C.C.
VAN FUND

Record of expenditures:

	MONTH #1	MONTH #2	MONTH #3
Fellowship tithes	<u>45.03</u>	<u>45.66</u>	<u>62.29</u>
District tithes	<u>9.00</u>	<u>9.13</u>	<u>12.46</u>
WC or IP salary	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Rent	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Phone	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Office	<u>0</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Other (explain)	<u>10.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Please attach any change in budget, special expenses, special programs and special needs you foresee in the next three months.

Quarterly Report Continued

1		2	3	4	5
"Other"			Month	Month	Month
Expenditures			#1	#2	#3
4 25	District Conf. reg.		10 00		
5 11	Casa de Cristo Choir concert (Rent)			35 00	
5 11	AGN - advertisements			35 00	
5 11	Delegate + W.C. conference				
	travel + food allowance			50 00	
5 25	Samaritan Theological Inst			50 00	
6 15	Judson Day Fund planning Committee			50	50 00
6 15	UFMCC - Van Fund				50 00
Totals			10 00	170 00	100 00

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

REPORT FOR JULY 1980

CASH BALANCE 2,055.08

AUG: 4 1980

EXPENSE:	YTD	BUDGETED
Tithes 1273.23	8760.26	6750
Other <u>607.65</u>	<u>3085.75</u>	<u>1503</u>
TOTAL INCOME 1981.38	11846.01	8253

EXPENSES

Travel 183.09	3311.13	2025
Telephone 41.47	564.39	747
Prison 493.35	603	
Salary 350.00	3150.00	3150
Office 241.90		
Treasurer 40.00	355.00	360
Secretary 200.00		153
Supplies 27.44	384.48	153
Postage 44.68	372.06	225
Conference 300.00	200.00	
Gifts and Grants		
Gov't Structure 274.68		225
Sanitation 400.00		297
Social Action 163.00		
Funerals <u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>315</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES 272.38	10420.37	8253
1101.50		

Behind in Tithes

Albuquerque

May June

JUL 24 1980

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR STUDY GROUPS AND MISSIONS

Name of Group: All Saints MCCQuarter covered: April, May, June
(Due the 15th of next month)

INCOME

EXPENDITURES

Mo #1 Mo #2 Mo #3

Mo #1 Mo #2 Mo #3

offerings	59/35	525/10	1412.93	Tithes (Fellowship)	59.64	50.98	101.38
Special gifts				Tithes (District)	16.60	13.36	26.50
fundraisers			145+	WC or IP Salary			
other		Samgrin 15.05		Rent	400	400	400
Please explain in detail the nature of such. <u>ind sale - 8145</u>				Phone	18.75	13.93	43.96
				Office expenses	59.4	57.46	25.72
				*Other <u>See over</u>	207.75	63.47	247.60

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM

Sunday PM

Midweek

*Other

#1	78			
#2	65			
#3	97			

Please explain nature of gathering

Proposed change in budget for next three months, or special expenses expected.
(Annual budget should be submitted when adopted.)

Special programs planned in next three months.

Special needs you may have. (Some other church in the district may have needs you need and be willing to give them to you.)

Michael J. West
Deak

April

Photography	75
Magist	30
District Court Fees	86
Bulletins	16.75

May

Photography	50
Bulletins	13.47

June

Photography	50
Bulletins	17.59
Ten's Advert	103.56
Arch Bkstr	13.01
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Everend Pulling	63.50



UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

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The Rev. Bob Arthur
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
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Lois Luneburg
POB A-O
Ventura, CA 93001

August 20, 1980

Gene Dudgeon
2806 Princeton Avenue
Farmington, NM 87401

Dear Gene,

I was very glad to meet you and the group there in Farmington last Monday evening. Enclosed is a copy of the booklet entitled HOW TO START A STUDY GROUP. I am also adding you to our district mailing list to receive our district newsletters.

To put into writing the results of our meeting, it is my understanding that your group in Farmington will continue to work in cooperation with the group in Durango under the umbrella of the Mid-Central District with assistance from our mission in Albuquerque. On the alternate weeks when services are not being conducted in Durango, Rev. DeSpain or some of his people from Albuquerque will go to Farmington to help you with services there. If at some point in the future, the entire group decides to ask for a realignment of districts, that can be considered. Or if you decide on two independent works, then the Farmington group can become affiliated with the South West District.

We certainly wish the best for you all, and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us if we can be of any assistance to you from this district.

In Christ's Love,

Bob Arthur
Rev. Bob Arthur
District Coordinator

cc.: Rev. Bob Darst, Mid Central District Coordinator
Southwest District Board of Home Missions

AGENDA

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, 11/21/80

State of past due loans

Minimum standards for missions and charters

Study group status for Four Corners MCC

Study group status for MCC by the Sea

Mission status for MCC of the San Gabriel Valley

Chartered status for Santa Barbara MCC

Problems with Trinity MCC

Dividing the district

Old Business

New Business

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NEW FREEDOM

EVANGELISTIC TEAM INC.

P.O. Box 1188, Quincy, ILL. 62301

The Rev. Bob Arthur
c/o M.C.C.
5300 Santa Monica Blvd. #304
Los Angeles, Ca. 90029

Dear Bob;

Greetins in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

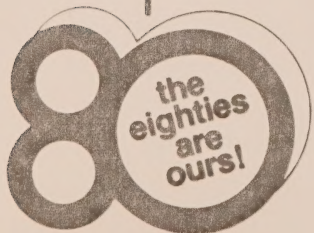
I have received your letter dated Oct. 23, 1980 and needless to say I was surprised. This team has never borrowed money during the 4½ years that we have been on the field. I don't know how this has been recorded on your records. Please check into it. I can assure you that it would have been paid in 1978 if it had happened, but it didn't. Strange how things happen, isn't it?

We are doing fine and are finishing up this year praising God for all the blessings and miracles. Please give the Board of Home Missions and everyone else our love.

Grace be with you,

Rev. Ron J. Anderson
Director

PS- Troy gave us a love offering at the LA offices in June of 1978, but other than that the only income was from the love offerings in the church services.



Evangelist Ron J. Anderson
Founder & Director

November 5, 1980

REVEREND ROBERT ARTHUR

DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR

S.W.D.

UFMCC

5300 SANTA MONICA BLVD. STE. 304

LOS ANGELES, CA. 90029

Bob, my beloved Brother in Christ:

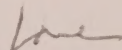
May the grace of God and the peace of our Lord be yours always!

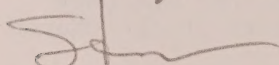
I am sorry -- I totally forgot the money due the district, what with all that has happened since my arrival here. You may have heard that I have been commuting, on a weekly basis, to provide guidance and continuity while they work through some of the differences, pain, and separation caused by the growing pains, plus some troubles with chemical dependency. That has, at least for a while, come to a halt. My health has been somewhat fragile, especially in view of the very changeable weather, and my yo-yo blood pressure and arthritis. But I am doing better, now.

Beginning December 1, I shall send you \$35.00 monthly to retire that debt. I am grateful for the help offered, and feel terrible that I failed to remember that, as I settled in here. I received your reminder Friday last, as I left for Knoxville, and could not respond in time for your District Conference.

The local church just closed on the purchase of a building here, and we are all preparing it for our dedication on the 16th of this month. We are, of course, quite excited, and eager to start using the building. We have been given a piano, and the tuner is here now. The paint is arriving today, the chairs are here, and the altar is in preparation. Exciting!!

Must close, and do so by sending my prayers and love, always, all my ways. Bush sends his love, too.

Sincerely, 


Rev. Steven Quesnel
810 Fatherland St.
Nashville, Tn. 37206
(615) 228-5224

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ans by phone

TRINITY METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

699 West Rialto Avenue
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714-884-8819 884-8810

November 12, 1980

Rev. L. Robert Arthur
District Coordinator
Southwest District, UFMCC
5300 Santa Monica Bl. #304
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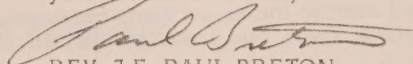
Dear Rev. Arthur:

On behalf of the Treasurer of this church, and in response to your recent letter, this church is pleased to advise you that at General Conference, 1976, in Washington, D.C., within the hour after the fire took place in the former location of this church in Riverside, Rev. David Farrell, then District Coordinator of this District, having polled the Board of Home Missions, provided a gift of \$400.00 to Trinity MCC toward its reconstruction. Unless Rev. Farrell can advise otherwise, this is the best of the recollection of our memories and whatever indication there may be in our files on this matter is minimal.

Please be advised also that this congregation is in the process of selling its property. The Treasurer has drafted a complete list of accounts payable, including any and all back tithes and currently existing loans with the Southwest District. Upon the sale of the property and the clearance of escrow, it is his intention to submit payment in full of these items to the District on the day the downpayment clears our account.

We trust these two items meet with your satisfaction regarding these matters and the closing of your books.

your brother in Christ,



REV. J.E. PAUL BRETON
PASTOR

cc: Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Administrative Elder
Ms. Lois Luneberg, District Treasurer
Pat C. Matthew, TMCC Treasurer

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Dear Rev. Arthur:

In response to your recent letter, I am pleased to advise you that in 1975, Rev. Vic Adams, then District Treasurer, extended to me a "gift" of \$100.00. I cannot remember the purpose now, but believe it was due to the fact that I had just left a truly poverty stricken pastorate in Baltimore to pastor Phoenix. The gift, if I remember correctly, was extended to assist me in taking on the pastorate in Phoenix.

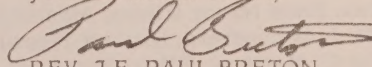
In 1976, Rev. Don Pederson arranged an "open-ended" loan of \$100.00 from this District to help me relocate after Phoenix. I still have this loan on my records with arrangements being made in my personal finances to resolve this matter. (As a matter of fact, had this church been able to continuously pay me a salary, I would have reimbursed this loan in September, 1980.)

In 1979, you arranged a loan of \$150.00 from this District for me because of the fact that I had just gone to Trinity, promptly got laid off my job and was dead broke. After a year of struggling to be back on my feet and overcome the damages of two months being out of work last year, I finally was reaching the point where I would have paid this loan back in October, 1980, had all things been operating smoothly.

Pending the sale of the church building, there will be a large sum of money being turned over to me as accounts receivable from Trinity MCC. From those accounts I will reimburse those two loans as planned this year. We expect to have the church sold shortly.

At this time, this is the best indication I can make of these funds as recorded in the District's records. I trust this helps you in your work.

your brother in Christ,



REV. J.E. PAUL BRETON
PASTOR

cc: Ms. Lois Luneberg, District Treasurer

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM STANDARDS

FOR

MISSION STATUS

I. SPIRITUAL PROFILE:

Primary consideration in evaluating the Spiritual Profile should be given to the way in which the community and city in which you are located views you as a Christian Church. Be prepared to discuss.

II. COMMUNITY PROFILE:

Primary consideration in evaluating the Community Profile should be given to the sense of community, i.e., "family of faith" which exists in relation to each other. Be prepared to discuss.

In addition it is recommended that the Pastor/Worship Coordinator be a person who has successfully processed his/her sexual identity and be locally established.

III. FINANCIAL PROFILE:

- A. Be located in an adequate worship facility and able to bear the expenses incurred.
- B. Outreach of the church, newsletter, office operation, community contact, social programs and action.
- C. Pastor/Worship Coordinator
 - 1. \$50 per week + housing allowance
 - 2. Insurance Policy \$27 monthly
 - 3. Transportation expenses of 10¢ to 12¢ per mile for local travel plus expenses for attendance at Conferences
 - 4. Phone, base rate plus church calls
 - 5. Working hours of the Pastor/Worship Coordinator to be commensurate with salary
 - 6. Be completely up to date on all tithes to the District and UFMCC

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM STANDARDS

FOR

STUDY GROUP STATUS

I. SPIRITUAL PROFILE:

Primary consideration in evaluating the Spiritual Profile should be given to the way in which the community and city in which you are located views you as a Christian Church. Be prepared to discuss.

II. COMMUNITY PROFILE:

Primary consideration in evaluating the Community Profile should be given to the sense of community, i.e., "family of faith" which exists in relation to each other. Be prepared to discuss.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM STANDARDS

FOR

CHARTER STATUS

I. SPIRITUAL PROFILE:

Primary consideration in evaluating the Spiritual Profile should be given to the way in which the community and city in which you are located views you as a Christian Church.

- A. Unity of the Spirit, a working together
- B. A concern for our brothers and sisters, both members and nonmembers
- C. A Christian concern in all areas, not only homosexual
- D. Reach a level of consistency of spirituality where we are a support to each other and a light to others.

II. COMMUNITY PROFILE:

Primary consideration in evaluating the Community Profile should be given to the sense of community, i.e., "family of faith" which exists in relation to each other.

- A. At least 51% our congregation must show a firm commitment to self, job, responsibilities, relationships with friends, lovers, church, etc...
- B. Our dedication to the cause must be visible to those who observe our work.
- C. At least 51% of our people need to show emotional stability in their lives and support of the church.

III. FINANCIAL PROFILE:

Since the Financial Profile will be the most objective indicator, specific attention should be given to it.

- A. Building expenses
- B. Outreach of the Church, newsletter, office operation, community contact, social programs and action.
- C. Full time Pastor:
 - 1. Minimum support \$100 + housing, or \$150 per week
 - 2. Insurance Policy \$27 monthly
 - 3. Transportation expenses of 10¢ to 12¢ per mile for local travel + expenses for attendance at Conferences
 - 4. Phone, base rate and church calls
 - 5. Contract drawn between Board of Directors and Pastor presented to congregation and accepted by Pastor, to include a minimum of two weeks paid vacation and a maximum of four, not to include Conferences.
 - 6. Regular time off one weekend every 4 to 6 weeks
 - 7. Regular day off each week.
- D. Special Funds:
 - 1. Deacon's Fund
 - 2. Building Fund
- E. Be completely up to date on all tithes to District and UFMCC

NOV. 17 1980

Tracy Scribner
P.O. Box 2632
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

November 10, 1980

The Reverend Bob Arthur
5300 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 304
Los Angeles, California 90029

Dear Bob,

October has been a busy and blessed month for us here in the Four Corners Area. Here is a week-by-week report.

October 5th A group of three from Farmington and two from Durango
Durango met for a "Fall Colors" drive, traveling through the
 mountains enjoying the colors. During the afternoon
 there was a stop at Trout Lake for a picnic lunch
 and fellowship in the Great Outdoors!

October 8th We had our first Wednesday night Study Group, with an
Farmington attendance of eight. We began discussing "The Church
 and the Homosexual".

October 12th We had an attendance of nine on this Sunday, with
Farmington six from Farmington, one from Durango, and two from
 Albuquerque. Wendy brought the Message, and all of
 us took communion.

October 19th The services were held in Durango, with only two
Durango (Allan and Danny) in attendance.

October 22 Our second Wednesday night Bible Study, at Mary and
 Donna's home. There were eight at this one, and
 again we studied the Bible in relation to Homosexuals.

October 26th We held a business meeting between our potluck lunch and
 services. Gene and Donna are to be our Worship Co-
 ordinators, Danny and Allan have been chosen co-treasurers,
 and Tracy and Vickie are to take the responsibilities
 of the Clerk's office. Mary was also chosen as our Song

- October 26th
Continued Leader. We had a total of 13 at that Service, including 3 from Albuquerque, sixx from Farmington, and four from Durango. Pam gave an exciting sermon, and served communion.
- November 2 The ~~Ser~~ Service was at Danny and Allan's home in Durango, and again they were the only two there.
- November 9 Rev. Louis and his mate, Ken came up from Albuquerque, there were nine from Farmington, and the two from Durango. Louis gave a beautiful sermon, and we were all blessed with the presence of the Lord.

We are all very excited about what is happening here with MCC. We feel blessed by the Lord for giving us the wonderful people from Albuquerque, and we have all very much enjoyed getting to know them all.

In our business meeting on October 26th, we voted to call ourselves "Four Corners MCC". Indeed, we have reached all of the Four Corners at one time or another, and we are trying to continue to do so.

Our potluck lunches have been a real success, and have given all of us the opportunity to get to know each other. We enjoy not only the wonderful food, but the opportunity for fellowship. It is also good that the Albuquerque family doesn't have to worry about food when they come.

Our treasury has in it a total of \$41.45 at the moment. We have purchased some song books, which are a real blessing. We have been giving the Albuquerque family enough to cover traveling expenses.

We have asked Rev. Louis to be our official representative at the District Conference in Phoenix. We are not sure when we will know if any of us are going or not. Hopefully and prayerfully some of us will go. If not we will certainly be there in heart, and in our prayers.

Thank you for all of your support and advice. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

In Christ,

Tracy Scribner

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Gene Dudgeon
2806 Princeton Avenue
Farmington, New Mexico 87401
(505) 327-2209

November 18, 1980

The Rev. Bob Arthur
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
Los Angeles, California 90029

Dear Bob:

To bring you up to date on the group meeting here is
submit the following:

- 10-12 - We met in Farmington with 8 present. Collection
was \$10.25 and we paid \$20.00 to the two who drove
up from Albuquerque.
- 10-19 - We met in Durango with only the two from Durango
being present.
- 10-26 - We met in Farmington with 13 present. Collection
was \$11.00 and we paid \$20.00 to the three who
drove up from Albuquerque. Dan and Allen of Durango
were chosen as co-treasurers and Tracy and Vicky
of Farmington were chosen co-clerks.
- 11-2 - We met in Durango with only the two from Durango
being present.
- 11-9 - We met in Farmington with 11 present. Collection
was \$31.10 and Ken from Albuquerque donated the
amount of travel for the group to come up.
- 11-16 - We met in Durango with only the two from Durango
being present.

Our study group for Wednesday nights is not completely off the
ground. We have had two good meetings on 10-8 and 10-22 with
6 and 8 respectfully being present. We are aiming towards a
good turn out tomorrow night.

Submitted in the name of the Lord,

Gene Dudgeon

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November 13, 1980

Board of Home Missions
Southwest District
Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches
% Rev. Bob Arthur

In June, Rev. Bob Arthur gave permission for a feasibility study for a group to meet in the Beach Area of San Diego under the leadership of Rev. Howard Williams. On June 22th the first meeting was held in a private home and the name M.C.C. by the Sea was selected. A short summary of the meetings follows:

June	2 meetings	16 average	\$67.25 average
July	4 meetings	18 average	68.64 average
Aug	5 meetings	12 average	29.33 average
Sept	4 meetings	28 average	61.41 average
Oct	4 meetings	20 average	63.66 average
Nov	2 meetings	27 average	68.00 average

This makes an average attendance of 20 per meeting with a collection of \$60.00. The September average was high because of a special service with the Rev. Macolm Bloyd as guest speaker. The group owes no money, and has paid the pastor, Rev. Williams one-half of the collection for each Sunday. The group has paid tithes to both the District and the Fellowship from the beginning even though it was not required to do so. Starting in September, the group rented the facilities of the Ocean Beach Women's Club. The only outside help received so far has been the gift of 60 hymn books from M.C.C. San Diego.

The group has been very active in the placement of Cubans, with an average attendance of 4-6 per Sunday. We have bi-lingual reading of the Gospels and the prayers.

We hereby, respectfully ask the Board of Home Missions for status as a Study Group in the Southwest District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Yours in Christ

Rev Howard Williams

APPLICATION FOR MISSION CHARTER STATUS (circle one)

FOR Metropolitan Community Church San Gabriel Valley
name of church group

IMPORTANT: Please send three (3) completed copies to your District Coordinator

1. This local congregation has been a Study Group Mission for 6 months.
(circle one)

2. Record of attendance and offerings for the past six (6) months:

	DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
1st MONTH:	<u>May</u>		
	<u>5-9-80</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
	<u>5-11-80</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>\$61.00</u>
	<u>5-18-80</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>\$157.40</u>
	<u>5-25-80</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>\$62.70</u>
2nd MONTH:	<u>June</u>		
	<u>6-1-80</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>\$159.15</u>
	<u>6-8-80</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>\$186.76</u>
	<u>6-15-80</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$102.40</u>
	<u>6-22-80</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	<u>6-29-80</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$205.55</u>
3rd MONTH:	<u>July</u>		
	<u>7-6-80</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>\$109.80</u>
	<u>7-13-80</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>\$66.50</u>
	<u>7-20-80</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>\$219.10</u>
	<u>7-27-80</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>\$64.00</u>
4th MONTH:	<u>August</u>		
	<u>8-3-80</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>\$94.24</u>
	<u>8-10-80</u>	<u>NO SERVICE</u>	<u>NO SERVICE</u>
	<u>8-17-80</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>\$30.16</u>
	<u>8-24-80</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>\$83.25</u>
	<u>8-31-80</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$42.05</u>
5th MONTH:	<u>September</u>		
	<u>9-7-80</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>\$232.00</u>
	<u>9-14-80</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>\$114.38</u>
	<u>9-21-80</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>\$91.00</u>
	<u>9-28-80</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>\$203.79</u>
6th MONTH:	<u>October</u>		
	<u>10-5-80</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>\$144</u>
	<u>10-12-80</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>\$68.12</u>
	<u>10-19-80</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>\$102.00</u>
	<u>10-26-80</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>\$113.56</u>

3. Average attendance per service per month for last six months:

	AM	PM	MIDWEEK (Other)
1st MONTH:	<u>6</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>
2nd MONTH:	<u>7</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>

3rd MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>
4th MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
5th MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>
6th MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

4. Average offerings per service per month for last six months:

AM PM MIDWEEK (Other)

1st MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>92.43</u>	<u>0</u>
2nd MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>130.78</u>	<u>0</u>
3rd MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>112.86</u>	<u>0</u>
4th MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>104.14</u>	<u>0</u>
5th MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>134.64</u>	<u>0</u>
6th MONTH:	<u>0</u>	<u>118.93</u>	<u>0</u>

5. What do your outreach programs and activities include? (See note 1)

Our Outreach Programs include Rap Groups, / Bar Ministry, Fund Raisers and Socials.

6. Briefly describe the division of responsibilities between the Worship Coordinator/Pastor/Interim Pastor and the members of the Board of Directors. (See note 1)

Our Pastor works with all members of the board individually if needed or as a group. Each position has its own separate responsibilities which are set out in the by-laws and which our Pastor has had experience in.

Being that we are so new our Pastor puts extra time into assisting us (any board member) in any situation. Because of his generosity we are always willing to help and or work with him in all church related matters.

7. Specify the extent of your current financial support of the Worship Coordinator/Pastor/Interim Pastor (i.e. salary, insurance, allowances, conferences fees, etc.) (See note 1)

Due to the fact of being so young, we have been unable to assist our Pastor to any great extent. We do give him \$25.00 per month at this time until we has a church family body can increase his salary without going into debt and hopefully one day we will be able to support him.

8. Please attach to each copy of this application a copy of the following:

- A. Financial Statement of Assets and Liabilities
- B. Current Budget
- C. Proposed local By-Laws (for Charter application only. See note 2)
- D. A short history of the congregation
- E. Current information:
 - 1. Mailing address and telephone number
 - 2. Meeting address
 - 3. Time(s) of service(s)
 - 4. Worship Coordinator/Pastor/Interim Pastor: name, address and telephone number
 - 5. Clerk of the Board: name, address, and telephone number
 - 6. Treasurer of the Board: name, address and telephone number
 - 7. Other members of the Board: names, addresses, and telephone numbers
- F. Signatures of members-in-good-standing of the local congregation presenting and authorizing this application for status change. (Mission status: minimum 25; Charter status: minimum 35)

Note 1: This question does not have a specific 'correct' answer that must be given before a change in status is approved. The information is requested to encourage the development of local decision-making processes and to help the District and Fellowship personnel who review this application know your local congregation as more than just a statistic.

Note 2: Article V.D.2 UFMCC By-Laws (corrected copy): "...The Board of Directors shall be subject to these By-Laws, local Articles of Incorporation, or local By-Laws, if such exist, and to the approval or disapproval by action of their local congregation as provided for in any of the above. It is incumbent upon the Board of Directors of each local church to provide that church with a set of By-Laws or Standard Operating Procedures."

ACTION BY THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS/PROPER FELLOWSHIP BOARD, _____ DISTRICT.

Change in status recommended: _____

Change in status not recommended: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____
for the Board of Home Missions/Proper Fellowship Board

If denied, application is to be returned to the local congregation with an explanation for denial.

If approved, all three signed copies are to be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board of Elders.

ACTION BY THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Change in status approved: _____

Change in status denied: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Clerk, Board of Elders

If approved or denied, one copy is to be returned to the local congregation, one copy to the District, and a third copy retained by the Clerk. If status change is denied, a letter of explanation for denial will be included with each copy returned and retained.

8.

A. Financial Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Bank Account	\$3078.35
Alter and Alter Wear	350.00
Piano	400.00
Chairs	190.00
Typewriter	250.00
	\$

Current Budget:

Rent	\$400.00
Phone	20.00
Utilities	30.00
Pastor	25.00
Office	20.00
Misc.	10.00
Tithes Savings	60.00
	\$565.00

D. To be found on attached sheet.

E.

1. P.O. Box 4489, El Monte, California, 91734 No Phone
2. 14128 Fairgrove Ave., Valinda, California, 91746
3. Sundays 6:30 P.M. and Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
4. Virgil Hendershot, 2360 N. Hiedalgo, L.A. Calif., 90039 Ph.# 213 667-2587
5. Bonnie Gonzales, 9903 Duffy St., Temple City, Calif., 91780, Ph. # 213 287-7644
6. Keith Henry 111 S. Barzanca St., #350 W. Covina, Ca., 213 966-2366
7. Eddie Ochoa Schutz, 14128 Fairgrove Ave., Valinda, Ca., 91746
Ph. # 213 336-3244

BRIEF HISTORY

In February of 1980, the Lord chose to send Rev. Virgil Hender-shot Jr. to the ElMonte area as a selected vessel to the gay community in the San Gabriel Valley.

After several organizational meetings we had our first worship service in a small apartment with eighteen persons in attendance. We had five very beautiful services in March.

During our second month we diligently practiced for the Music Festival. We made our debut and became known by our song Archy. We were the first Feasability Study Group to participate.

Then in May came the excitement of District Conference in Palm Springs, with the wonderment of approval to become a Study Group. We, were blessed and M.C.C. San Gabriel Valley became a reality.

We arrived home thrilled for now we could accept the first twenty-one chartered members.

Immediately thereafter, we started to work on the float for Christopher Street West/Gay Pride Parade. San Gabriel Valley floated down the parade route in their arch with the knowledge in their hearts they were spreading the word of Jesus and again we achieved a first. San Gabriel Valley was the first Study Group to ever participate in the parade.

Along came July which meant Fund Raiser--Tupperware Party. A sincere chance to work together with each other for the Lord.

August took us back to the River Jordan via Will Rogers State Beach. We shared the opportunity to love with our brothers and sisters and experienced being Born Again together.

September showed us the pains and heartaches of summer. Our loved ones were away, and nothing seemed quite right but, we all grew through this.

With re-newed spirits and zealous commitments we again faced a joint Fund Raiser with MCC Pomona. With complete help of the Court System we had a glorious and blessed day, filled with the Holy Spirit for the Alibi East became a chapel full of entertainment for the glory of God.

Through trial and error we have learned and are still learning to set aside ego, first person I, and are allowing the spirit to guide us as the instruments of the Divine Will and to

"LET GO & LET GOD."

PETITION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Sharon Cortez	1447 Durfee Ave. So. E. M.	579-1056
2. Ruth Gtz	1447 Durfee Ave So. E. M.	579-1056
3. Reina R. Reyes	1447 Durfee S. El Monte	579-1056
4. Vickie L. Felts	1623 E. MARDINE W. Covina	444-7075
5. Pat O'Neill	1623 E. Mardine W. Covina	444-7075
6. Sally Pool	3939 Maxson Rd E. M.	350-0324
7. Ms Susie Wang	5000 N. Kauffman Temple City	answering 714 628-2221
8. Larry Baker	11715 8th Hondo El Monte	478-6360
9. Thomas W. Miller	7703 Duffy St. Temple City	286-4312
10. James A. Miller	7703 Duffy St. Temple City	286-4312
11. Celestia D. Ritz	9903 Luffy St. Temple City, Ca	287-7644
12. Bonnie B. Hughes	7703 Duffy St. Temple City, Calif	287-7644
13. Eddie Ochoa-Schultz	14128 Fairgreen	
14. Linda Wilford	547 Riverdale Dr. #5 Glendale, Ca	336-3244
15. Angel Hernandez	2360 W. Highland Los Angeles	667-2581
16. Robert Ochoa-Schultz	14128 Fairgreen Ave., Thibault	336-3244
17. Lita Ochoa	3918 Rio Hondo Ave., Rosemead	
18. Louis Ochoa	3918 Rio Hondo Ave., Rosemead	
19. Jimmy Ochoa	3918 Rio Hondo Ave., Rosemead	
20. Jane C. Miller	9903 Luffy St. Temple City, Cal 91786	287-9244
21. Brian R. Jones	631 S. Gaybar Ave W. Covina, CA 91790	917-1350
22. The McNamees	3146 Maxson Rd El Monte	71154
23. Charles R. Sheridan	909 N. Olsen Dr. Bassett Calif	91746
24. EUGENE FELTS JR	1623 MARDINE W. COVINA	357-2658
25. Eugene H. San AKA	Line City 16625 E. Berkeley Ave	91721
Arthur J. Flynn	412 W. Short St. Glendale, Ca	963-9603
Henry N. Nantz	8916 Longden T. C. Ca	91780
William A. Nantz	8916 Longden T. C. Ca	9680089

APPLICATION FOR MISSION/CHARTER STATUS (circle one)

FOR Metropolitan Community Church Santa Barbara

name of church group

IMPORTANT: Please send three (3) completed copies to your District Coordinator

1. This local congregation has been a Study Group/ Mission for 5 months.
(circle one)

2. Record of attendance and offerings for the past six (6) months:

	DATE	ATTENDANCE a.m./p.m.	OFFERINGS a.m./p.m.
1st MONTH: MAY	5/4	54	282
	11	55	171
	18	40	187
	25	60	511
2nd MONTH: JUNE	1	60	202
	8	50	219
*6/22 Thirty of us were in LA to march in the Gay parade	15	56	107
	*22	20	146
	29	40	244
3rd MONTH: JULY	6	41	245
	13	58	297
	20	34	209
	27	50	252
4th MONTH: AUGUST	3rd	47	314
*Rev. Pennington set aside as a licensed UFMCC Minister.	10	49	268
	17	54	250
	24	48	218
	*31	86	368
5th MONTH: SEPTEMBER	7	41	263
	14	50	242
	21	42	219
	28	47	469
6th MONTH: OCTOBER	5	44	367
10/26 attendance very low due to 28 of us were away at a Maranatha retreat.	12	43	251
	19	31	271
	*26	15	152

3. Average attendance per service per month for last six months:

	AM	PM	MIDWEEK (Other)
1st MONTH:		52	
2nd MONTH:		45	

3rd MONTH:	_____	46	_____
4th MONTH:	_____	56	_____
5th MONTH:	_____	45	_____
6th MONTH:	_____	33	_____

4. Average offerings per service per month for last six months:

AM PM MIDWEEK (Other)

1st MONTH:	_____	288	_____
2nd MONTH:	_____	201	_____
3rd MONTH:	_____	251	_____
4th MONTH:	_____	284	_____
5th MONTH:	_____	298	_____
6th MONTH:	_____	260	_____

5. What do your outreach programs and activities include? (See note 1)

EDUCATION

1. weekly Bible study
2. Gays & the Bible seminars
3. Maranatha (EXCEL) retreats
4. 2 additional retreats
5. interpersonal communications seminar
6. growth group series

SUPPORT

1. women's group
2. 4 house churches
3. mature gay group

SOCIALS

At least monthly
if not twice a
month

EVANGELISM

1. advertising and liaison with all gay groups
2. membership with the United Churches council of Santa Barbara
3. listed in the Community Resources manual

6. Briefly describe the division of responsibilities between the Worship Coordinator/Pastor/Interim Pastor and the members of the Board of Directors. (See note 1)

MCC Santa Barbara has had a five member plus pastor board for the last year. Due to the quality of the commitment and perception of the Board members, the Board has not been advisory but responsibility oriented.

The pastor retains exclusive responsibility for worship format with the use of questionnaires and informal meetings to gain input on their needs for worship experiences.

The Board works by consensus rather than strict parliamentary processes. We see ourselves as a team ministry and effort.

7. Specify the extent of your current financial support of the Worship Coordinator/Pastor/Interim Pastor (i.e. salary, insurance, allowances, conferences fees, etc.) (See note 1)

The pastoral package is \$520 per month plus insurance and all conference expenses.

8. Please attach to each copy of this application a copy of the following:

- A. Financial Statement of Assets and Liabilities
- B. Current Budget
- C. Proposed local By-Laws (for Charter application only. See note 2)
- D. A short history of the congregation
- E. Current information:
 - 1. Mailing address and telephone number
 - 2. Meeting address
 - 3. Time(s) of service(s)
 - 4. Worship Coordinator/Pastor/Interim Pastor: name, address and telephone number
 - 5. Clerk of the Board: name, address, and telephone number
 - 6. Treasurer of the Board: name, address and telephone number
 - 7. Other members of the Board: names, addresses, and telephone numbers
- F. Signatures of members-in-good-standing of the local congregation presenting and authorizing this application for status change. (Mission status: minimum 25; Charter status: minimum 35)

Note 1: This question does not have a specific 'correct' answer that must be given before a change in status is approved. The information is requested to encourage the development of local decision-making processes and to help the District and Fellowship personnel who review this application know your local congregation as more than just a statistic.

Note 2: Article V.D.2 UFMCC By-Laws (corrected copy): "...The Board of Directors shall be subject to these By-Laws, local Articles of Incorporation, or local By-Laws, if such exist, and to the approval or disapproval by action of their local congregation as provided for in any of the above. It is incumbent upon the Board of Directors of each local church to provide that church with a set of By-Laws or Standard Operating Procedures."

ACTION BY THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS/PROPER FELLOWSHIP BOARD, _____ DISTRICT.

Change in status recommended: _____

Change in status not recommended: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____
for the Board of Home Missions/Proper Fellowship Board

If denied, application is to be returned to the local congregation with an explanation for denial.

If approved, all three signed copies are to be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board of Elders.

ACTION BY THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Change in status approved: _____

Change in status denied: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Clerk, Board of Elders

If approved or denied, one copy is to be returned to the local congregation, one copy to the District, and a third copy retained by the Clerk. If status change is denied, a letter of explanation for denial will be included with each copy returned and retained.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF
SANTA BARBARA



Rev. Roger E. Webb, Minister

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS:

\$250 savings account
\$500 checking account
\$150 office equipment and supplies
\$100 altar supplies
\$1000 Total Assests

LIABILITIES:

\$0.00 accounts payable
\$0.00 Total Liabilities

CURRENT BUDGET

Due to the growth rate of this church and not enough data to determine a church cylice, our official budget is based on a monthly projection. This budget expresses a conservative estimate and is seen as a guideline for November 1980 through February 1981.

Pastor's Package.....\$587

1. housing...\$300
2. salary....\$217
3. insurance..\$45
4. SSI.....\$25

Rents.....\$300

1. church use...\$175
2. office space.\$125

Tithes and Dues.....\$156*

*Based on \$1200 income with 10% UFMCC and 3% District tithe

Phone.....\$50

Miscellaneous.....\$107

TOTAL BUDGET....\$1200

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LOCAL BY-LAWS PROPOSAL

1. The official name of this church shall be Metropolitan Community Church of Santa Barbara.
2. The by-laws of this church shall be governed by the By-laws of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and these following by-laws as adopted.
3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 - A. The clerk of the Board shall post the minutes of the last Board meeting.
 - B. The clerk of the Board shall make available the names, addresses, and phone numbers to members of the Board and to the UFMCC general offices. Unless permission is otherwise given all such information shall be considered confidential.
 - C. The Board of Directors shall consist of 5 members.
 - D. The Board shall choose a Board member as a vice-moderator.
 - E. The Board shall elect an "interim" worship co-ordinator in time of a vacant pulpit. A special congregational meeting shall be called within one month to elect an official worship co-ordinator.
 - F. The pulpit committee shall present one candidate at a time for election. A pastoral candidate must receive two-thirds of the voting members present for election. If said candidate does not receive a sufficient vote, the pulpit committee shall present another candidate at a separate meeting.
4. FINANCES
 - A. This church shall tithe the additional 1% to the District in support of new works.
 - B. The "official" budget to be adopted by a congregational meeting shall be based on the month.
 - C. Honorariums shall be \$25 with additional costs to be determined by the Board.
 - D. All proceeds from a fundraiser shall reimburse the cost of the fundraiser.

5. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

- A. All official social activities held on church property shall have no alcohol or drug items allowed. Use of alcohol or drugs on or about church property can be deemed grounds for removal of membership status.
- B. The official anniversary date of this body shall be July 15th.
- C. The newsletter shall constitute an official notice.

6. MEETINGS

- A. Congregational meetings shall be held at least twice a year.
- B. Election of officers of the church shall be by nomination from the floor. Nominees must be present to accept the nomination. For Board election the nominees receiving the highest vote shall become Board member(s). In case of a tie vote, a separate vote will be taken for those tied.
- C. Special congregational meetings may be called as outlined by the UFMCC by-laws. In addition a special meeting may be called by a majority vote of the Board and notice given within 10 days prior to the meeting.
- D. Board meetings shall be held the second Monday of each month. The Board may meet and conduct business at other times if approved by a majority of the Board and notice is given at least at one worship service.
- E. The quorum for the Board shall be 4. The pastor can be counted as part of the quorum.

7. MEMBERS

- A. To become a member the individual shall be in attendance on a regular basis for at least three months. They shall receive instruction as to the By-laws and the responsibilities of membership.
- B. Members transferring from other MCC's shall take the classes unless the pastor excuses them after consultation.
- C. Members not in attendance for 6 months shall be sent notices to begin the possible inactive list status.

8. ADOPTION AND CHANGES

- A. These by-laws will become effective upon two-thirds of the members present approving them.
- B. Amendments and repeals shall require a two-thirds vote of voting members present.

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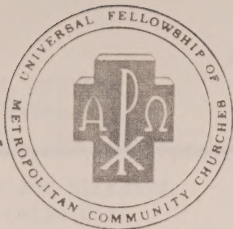
HISTORY OF GROWTH

- July 1979 The motley crew of five adults, three children, two dogs and one cat moved to establish the Santa Barbara MCC House. Service was held at Wayne Curtis and Jim Gordon's home with eleven people in attendance. The start of the Church's Wednesday night Bible study.
- August 1979 During the month of August, the average Sunday service attendance was eighteen people. The Gay Attack Prevention Group was utilizing the MCC House on Tuesday evenings. MCC Santa Barbara became a Study Group at General Conference with thirteen Santa Barbara signatures on the petition.
- September 1979 The last service to be held at MCC House with twenty eight people in attendance. The first service in the Unitarian Church with ninety five people in attendance for worship. The first of a continual series on Homosexuality and the Bible class.
- October 1979 Roger E. Webb's consecration service with eighty six people present.
- November 1979 The first week of November was the beginning of an ongoing close sharing "Family" circle. Six Family Groups started, covering the areas of Ventura-Oxnard, Santa Barbara and Goleta. The first in a series of programs Maranatha I was held, it is the sister program of EXCELL but localized to Santa Barbara. The beginning of the first membership classes. Chan Ward was selected as Lay Delegate to District Conference.
- December 1979 The first twenty five members were taken in.
- January 1980 First Congregational Meeting with twenty three members present elected the first Board of Directors.
- Sylvia Dewberry, Clerk
Jim Thomas, Treasurer
Billie Hall
Nancy Vincent
Jay Woodland
- First Ministerial Assistant training program was started. The first Board of Directors Meeting was held.
- February 1980 The month of February held an average attendance of fifty people. The Church held it's first live show and dance for the community.
- March 1980 The month of March held an average of fifty five people in attendance. Gospel Concert with Billie Hall and Friends and the Los Angeles Gospel Choir. Rev. Troy D. Perry was

- March 1980 (cont.) Guest Preacher. Cachuma Church Camp was the site for Maranatha II. With evening services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Morning service was held jointly with Ventura MCC, with an evening candlelight service.
- April 1980 By the end of April, attendance averaged sixty people.
- May 1980 Operation Resurrection was held. The Pastor attended the first City Wide Clergy Support Group. District Conference, MCC Santa Barbara received Mission Status. A ten week course on Inter-Personal Communications was completed.
- June 1980 Celebrated a 25th Anniversary of two members. Thirty two of us marched in the Los Angeles Gay Pride Parade. A Congregational meeting was held and a second Board of Directors was elected.
- Chris Ricketts, Clerk
Jim Thomas, Treasurer
Nancy Vincent
Sandi Osman
Vincent Salem
- We moved to a new Church Home at 230 Lighthouse Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93109.
- July 1980 A new office was established at the Santa Barbara Gay Resources Center. We closed down MCC House. We celebrated our First Anniversary. A ten week course on Introduction to the Bible was started. Began a five week series of sermons on Love. Our first newsletter was produced.
- August 1980 A thirty hour Retreat was conducted at Saint Mary's Retreat House. The Reverend Sylvia Pennington was set aside as Santa Barbara's first Minister.
- September 1980 Started the practice of Lay People assisting with the distribution of Communion. Had guest singers at worship service. Arranged for Elders Retreat at Mount Calvary Retreat House. Members attended District Spiritual Retreat. Received first Cuban Refugee. Began four week series of a Men's Encounter Group.
- October 1980 Held a Gospel Concert Revival with guest singers from Sacramento MCC. Maranatha III was held. A Women's Group was started. A Costume party was held on Halloween. Founders Day offering was taken on Founders Sunday.

* Have had four family groups meeting throughout the year on a weekly basis.

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CURRENT INFORMATION

MAILING ADDRESS: POB 2256, Santa Barbara, CA 93120
TELEPHONE: (805) 966-6770
MEETING ADDRESS: 230 Lighthouse Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93109
TIME OF SERVICE: Sunday at 7:30pm

WORSHIP COORDINATOR:

Rev. Roger E. Webb
1535 Eucalyptus Hill Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
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Chris Ricketts
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TO: The Southwest District Board of Home Missions
Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship

We the undersigned members of Metropolitan Community Church of Santa Barbara having been recognized as a mission, now certify that we are active and able to financially and spiritually maintain the work of a Church. We therefore request to be recognized as a chartered church within the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Jon M. Stover
Chris Ricketts
David Meisenheimer

Roger E. Webb
Linda R. Bielek
Jim Shepherd

James C. Smith
John E. Smith
Robert W. Smith

Lucia Rana
Gay Woodland
Ray Marting Jr
Ralph Whyson
Nancy Vincent
Viggo S. Salm

Richard T. Witten
Armando P. Jago
James L. Thomas
Joseph T. Smith
Lawrence J. Anton
Billie E. Hall

Anthony M. Bittney
Paul J. Bittney
John J. Bittney
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Wayne Curtis
James L. Gordon

Sharon Remele
Philip J. Schwartz
Martha Lu Fox
Robert Berg
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TRINITY METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

699 West Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92410

714-884-8819 884-8810

November 12, 1980

Rev. L. Robert Arthur
District Coordinator
Southwest District, UFMCC
5300 Santa Monica Bl. #304
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Dear Rev. Arthur:

On behalf of the congregation of Trinity Metropolitan Community Church, and pursuant to a congregational meeting held on Sunday afternoon on November 2, 1980, the congregation of Trinity MCC has decided unanimously to sell the property being used as a church at 699 West Rialto Avenue in San Bernardino via multiple listings with Schidler and Associates, a Real Estate Agency.

This action also included the decision that the proceeds from this sale be used to liquidate all debts of this congregation, including but not limited to the existing note, Tithes in arrears owed to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, payments owed to the Church Services Department and Department of Publications of the UFMCC, Tithes in arrears owed to the Southwest District and payment in full of a loan from the Southwest District, and payment of a substantive sum owed to the Pastor of this church.

This action also included the decision that the remaining proceeds from this sale be turned over to the Board of Elders of the UFMCC, acting on behalf of the General Conference, with the provision that these proceeds be placed in a special trust managed and supervised by the Southwest District as "representative agent" for the Board of Elders. This trust is to be held exclusively for the purpose of providing funds for the re-establishment of a church community(ies) in the San Bernardino/Riverside area of this state. It is understood that this money is to be held in trust for this community, however, it is also understood that the interest received from this trust shall belong to the Southwest District as the "representative agent" for the Board of Elders of the UFMCC, who, in accordance with the By-Laws of the UFMCC, act on behalf of the General Conference.

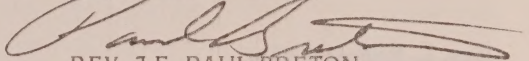
Pending further action by this congregation, the Board of Home Missions or the Board of Elders, or combinations thereof, all the remaining property will be disposed by sale, donation, loan to another MCC which may be in need and final items placed in storage, with the costs of storage being paid from the trust fund which shall be established from the proceeds of the sale.

Pending further action by this congregation, the Board of Home Missions or the Board of Elders, or combinations thereof, all the files, documents, records, and registers of this congregation may be placed in storage in the facilities of the Southwest District to be sealed in the "archives" subject to being redistributed to this congregation upon its re-

establishment. If this congregation is not re-established but a new congregation is established in this area, these files may then remain in the archives of the District or the UFMCC as appropriate.

Further communication with your office regarding these matters will be forthcoming as decisions are made.

your brother in Christ



REV. J.E. PAUL BRETON
PASTOR

Enclosure: Copy of the Minutes of the Congregational Meeting

cc: Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Administrative Elder
Rev. Elder John H. Hose, Treasurer Elder
Ms. Lois Lunberg, District Treasurer
Board of Home Missions, Southwest District
Pat C. Matthew, TMCC Treasurer

worship services in a San Bernardino Parish and in a separate Riverside Parish, but no more than just worship services.

Someday, the whole truth of who is responsible for all of this garbage will come out. All I can say is that I pray that God will have mercy on his/her soul.

For myself, I want to rest, do some research, study and writing, present a quiet a restful retreat center on the ranch for, currently, once per month retreats, worship with joy and gladness with our brothers and sisters in Pomona and get away from this madness altogether.

I know you did not need all of this upon returning from Israel. Certainly you did not need this so soon to District Conference. You don't know how much I regret having to tell you about this. However, I can assure you that neither did I want any of this either. The cancers of this church are now causing their fatal blows. I have maintained this church, as several of the non-troublemaking worshipping members have said, on a life-support system. It seems that now is the time to provide passive euthanasia by pulling the plug. There was no church when I came here, there has been none while I was here, and the final ravages are now taking place.

Does the Board of Home Missions have the intestinal fortitude to pull the plug?

If any further details are needed, contact me ahead of time, or please ask me at the Board of Home Missions meeting. I will be happy to answer with candor any and all questions put to me regarding this congregation. I can assure you that whatever answers I will give can be verified with evidence and/or witnesses.

That's all for now. I will be driving out to Phoenix overnight on Thursday. I have not made arrangements to stay at the motel simply because the madness here has prevented me from taking the time to do so. So I will probably stay at a Motel Six. I will try to attend most of the activities and sessions of the conference, but may not be able to do so because of my health.

Hope you have a glorious Mid-Eastern tan, an inspiration and uplift from visiting the holy places, and perhaps a tad bit more Catholicity from having been to Rome, even if that Catholicity is from a Fountains of Rome Romance with an Italian Catholic.

Know you are in my prayers, as I seek yours. With deepest appreciation for all you do, have done, and your commitment, I remain

your brother in Christ,



REV. J.E. PAUL BRETON
PASTOR

cc: Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Administrative Elder
Board of Home Missions
Rev. Jane Carl, MCC Pomona

*Nov 13 1980
ans by phone*

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Dear Bob:

I cannot even begin to skim the surface of scratching the top of the iceberg of what is taking place here. Permit me to share some very brief notes, which I will be most unhappy to complete upon questioning at the Board of Home Missions Meeting at District Conference.

Usually, under ordinary circumstances, when a pastor submits a resignation, all the parties that be in a congregation tend to stop their nefarious or not so nefarious activities pending the installation of the new administration. It had been your hope and mine that the transition period of two months would be sufficient for an orderly transition for this church and for the parties involved. Unfortunately this time period has been a proverbial storm of "shit hitting the fan". So many people have hurt so many other people with thoughtless, kindless, patientless, hostile, antagonistic and immoral actions and words that damage has been done to the point where it is at this time and for a long time to come irreparable.

Martin Flores has suffered and may well still be suffering a great deal of pain, hurt, anger. The bulk of it is the result of people who have acted out the diseases which over the years have been so prevalent in this church. He wants to worship, to pray, to grow spiritually, to rejoice in the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to experience the ecstasy of the Holy Spirit. He cannot do that by being Worship Coordinator of this church. I doubt he can do that by being involved in this church any longer. So he has turned in his resignation.

Marianne McPherson, along with Nancy Horne and Charles Bradley, is now the recipient of a civil lawsuit against her filed by Shirley McGuire. The contention is that Marianne and the other two obtained partial (??) ownership of Shirley's home by fraud, misrepresentation and intent to defraud. Charges were filed by Shirley on an ecclesiastical level but I have subsequently dismissed the charges because nothing could be accomplished of any good to anyone by having a formal hearing, and a formal hearing could well prejudice the case against Shirley McGuire. The outcome will be determined either in an out-of-court settlement or in court. I have tried, with little success, to determine the truth of the matter. With the information I have on hand, it is now word of mouth against word of mouth. This situation has developed into an outrageous multiplication of injuries.

Nancy Horne and Charles Bradley are also involved in this matter to the same extent as Marianne.

Shirley McGuire, apparently, does have a case. Her attorney says it seems to be very solid. Shirley McGuire is suffering an intensity of pain over this matter.

Bill Elbe took in a Cuban refugee by the name of Lazaro. Due to Bill's involvement with the church, the situation of the refugee became a church situation as well. Although I certainly am not faulting you or the fine work you did, I do fault those agencies which tendered to the UFMCC the care of placement of refugees. I can categorically state that there was no screening process of either sponsors or refugees. To this end I hold the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the State Department, the World Church Organization (or whatever it is called), and the Board of Elders liable for damage. Lazaro is a psychotic sociopath who has already inflicted personal injury on two people, threatened personal injury on others, caused property damage, stolen money and property, has been totally unwilling to accommodate himself to the culture of the United States, is otherwise a violent person, and since the sponsor lives on the same ranch that I do, the same Lazaro is a threat to me personally and I am frightened of him. As of this date two people are still suffering physical injury. One of these persons tried to file a complaint with the police against Lazaro and has been arrested instead. This arrested party has now subsequently been "lost" in the jail system of San Bernardino County. INS, the Justice Department, the local District Attorney and the police all have refused to accept any responsibility and are totally unwilling to do anything about this. I believe that somewhere the proverbial "buck" needs to be stopped. Since the Board of Elders willfully and intentionally accepted the responsibility for the placement of refugees, and hired you, already overworked, to coordinate this matter, it is the responsibility of the Board of Elders to use the same contacts to obtain justice in this matter. If the Elders are unwilling to do anything, then I let you know now that I have already placed under confessional seal the possibility of self-defensive action by any person in regard to Lazaro.

At the same time, our financial problems have been increasing. I am short of money because of lack of salary. The church is not meeting its debts. The possibility of foreclosure is imminent (like yesterday???)

In the meantime, I have had to counsel people who are in search of a worshipping home to go to Pomona or the Desert but not here because of the endemic problems of this church. I have held too many heads in lap with my trousers saturated with tears because of the hurts that are being inflicted by different people.

In the meantime, I have not been able to do any work at all toward making a transition of this church.

In the meantime, my physical health is failing rapidly and I am in physical pain night and day. Appropriate medical care will be forthcoming once the church is able to provide me past due salary and other matters.

I am recommending that the Exhorter which we licensed, Marianne McPherson, be transferred with her records to MCC of the Pomona Valley to work under the guidance and care of Jane Carl. Whether Jane wishes to use her in an Exhorter capacity or not, I do not know and leave that decision completely up to her.

I am unofficially recommending that this church be closed solid. However, I am recommending to Jane Carl that she use Deacons/Exhorters from her church to conduct

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Rev. Bob Arthur
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re: Dividing the Southwest District

Dear Bob,

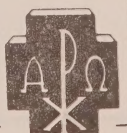
- 1) I find it curious that the proposed Central California "district" should include a congregation (De Colores) which is located within the county and city of Los Angeles. That particular congregation has members who reside in North Hollywood and Los Angeles. My own congregation has members who live in Canoga Park, West Valley and even Simi Valley:

Isn't it rather absurd that neighbors might belong to two districts?

- 2) "Hidden agendas" will not be handled if we divide rather than learn to work with each other. The need we have is to learn the gift of dialogue and the capacity to celebrate and affirm our diversity.

Historically, one of the greatest conflicts has pitted Southern California churches against one another: the Mother Church versus her LA children, to be exact. This breach has been essentially healed through co-operation and shared fellowship, not by dividing away.

- 3) I am concerned that a district might be seen in this proposal as a sort of Savior: give us our own district and everything will be wonderful! Feelings of isolation could be met through regional fellowship, worship, and workshops as well as through the creation of new districts -- two of which would be financially destitute for a reasonably long period of time.
- 4) At a time when we are funding a half-time District Coordinator and exploring full-time funding, it seems unwise to contemplate dividing our limited financial resources into three parts.
- 5) Our Fellowship is grounded to a significant degree on local autonomy. I fear that excessive districting could lead us to an episcopal form of government which would violate our essentially congregational structure.
- 6) There is definately a need to re-structure our district. This



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could be done without dividing into three separate entities.
Suggestion:

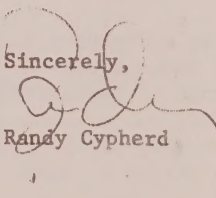
- A. Retain one District with one District Coordinator.
- B. Allow each regional area to elect an Assistant District Coordinator to facilitate regional fellowship, worship and workshops.
- C. Hold one district-wide meeting per year; augment with one or more regional gatherings.

This approach could enable a broader financial base, enabling the District to move toward a full-time DC and better coordinate overall growth while at the same time meet the very real needs of the out-lying congregations.

A. I have not been comfortable with appointed Assistant DC's for some time. I think there is a need to elect assistants. Allowing each region to elect their own representative would seem optimum and in keeping with our essentially congregational form of church government.

B. If this interim step worked, a formal division into separate entities might just prove itself both needed and beneficial at some point in the future.

Sincerely,


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cc: Roger Webb





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Dear Bob,

Thank you for the wonderful time which all of us in Fresno had at the retreat. It was an experience that we all shall not soon forget.

After learning about the consideration of re-dividing the district, I felt a need to write you. If the desert churches feel a need to have their own district, then I am all in favor of them having it. We do not feel the same need. We want a district with a chartered church in it. Having the central and costal missions and study groups in one district would be disastrous. I am sure that you realize this. Perhaps our needs would be met if we were put into the district which includes the northern portion of the state. Fresno is closer to San Francisco than to Los Angeles.

Fresno has gone back to the regular service time of 5:00 pm Sunday. We are forming a choir and getting serious about moving into our own building; we opened a building fund account. One of our members will be putting on a presentation about his recent trip to the Galapagos Islands as our next fund raiser. The first Sunday in November is David's 1st anniversary and we are planning a surprise party for him.

Thank for considering my requests and concerns. I will be expecting more news on this issue soon.

Love,

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